Israelis head for PLO meeting

TEL AVIV (R) — Fifteen Israeli lestists on Monday lest for a meeting in Hungary with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leaders, challenging an Israeli law barring contacts with the PLO. Charlie Biton, member of parliament for Israel's Communist Party, said the group hoped to further Middle East peace efforts by an array Palestinians on Wednesday at the headquarters of a Hungarian peace organisation in Budapest. Mr. Biton told reporters the group expected to be arrested on their return for contravening a law adopted last August under which Israelis who meet representatives of "terrorist organisations" face up to three years in prison. It was unclear whether the group would meet PLO leader Yasser Arafat. "We've not been promised a meeting with Arafat, but we will do everything so that we can meet important people in the PLO," Mr. Biton said. Four leftists among 29 Israelis who met PLO members in Romania last year will face the first trial under the new law next week. The 29, some last year will face the first trial under the new law next week. The 29, some of them now flying to Hungary, met low-ranking PLO leaders. Ten local and foreign journalists travelled with the group to Budapest.



Iraq reports wiping out Iranian force

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said its soldiers wiped out an Iranian force that tried to attack Iraqi positions on the southern warfront Monday. The Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted a military spokesman as saying the corpses of Iranian soldiers littered the battlefield following the pre-dawn fighting. The agency said the fighting took place at the border about 240 kilometres southeast of Baghdad. It said most of the attacking soldiers were killed or wounded but one to figure it for did not comment on the were killed or wounded but gave no figures. Iran did not comment on the latest Iraqi report. Earlier, Iraq said Iran suffered huge losses in an abortive attack Saturday night in the northern sector of the front. Reporting the latest attack, a military spokesman, quoted by INA, said most of the Iranian force was wiped out in the attack, launched east of Misan province at 3:40 a.m. (2340 GMT Sunday). "The Iraqi troops repelled the appressive Iranian force winner out most of its troops. repelled the aggressive Iranian force, wiping out most of its troops, wounding a battation commander and forcing the others to flee." he said. Iraq said on Friday its ground forces had repulsed an overnight Iranian attack on the mountainous northern front, inflicting heavy casualties.

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AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at the Royal Court on Monday North Yenen's Minister of Com-munications and Transport Ahmad Al Unsi currently on a visit to Jordan. Mr. Unsi conveyed to the King greetings and best wishes from North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

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e United State AMMAN (R) - A Palestinian riday when the youth leader deported from the Israeli-occupied territories said Monday Israeli intelligence officers had tried to recruit him as a spy. Ahmad Nasser, 34, told Renters that before he was expelled from Khan Younis in Gaza an officer named "Captain Steve" told him he could become a hero s been bosound by spying on his people for Israel. received a Mr. Nasser quoted the officer as for the Press. Saving. "You are either with us or owner dum:
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Prince Sultan returns home after talks with Weinberger

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Venice summit opens with fears high of U.S.-Iran clash in Gulf

Reagan partially lifts sanctions on Japan

VENICE (Agencies) — The 13th annual economic summit of the big seven industrial democracies opened Monday with tension high over fears of a U.S.-Iran clash in the Gulf but with a welcome easing of the trade war between Washington and Tokyo.

The three-day gathering of Earlier, Mr. Reagan's top aide leaders from the United States, strongly suggested that a U.S. Britain, Japan, Canada, Italy, France and West Germany began with a glittering reception at the Palazzo Ducale, the residence of the Doges who once ruled the Venetian state.

President Ronald Reagan, who held separate bilateral talks with the Italian, West German and Japanese leaders, maintained U.S. pressure on Iran by warning that he was not bluffing in his pledge to keep open the Gulf's oil-export sealanes.

"I haven't bluffed once since I've been here," he told reporters in response to a question about U.S. warnings that Washington would retaliate if Iran deployed Chinese Silkworm anti-ship mis-siles on the eastern edge of the

Lebanese

leaders

demand

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Muslim leaders on Monday demanded

President Amin Gemayel purge

right-wing extremists in Leba-

non's army, charging that they were behind the mid-air bomb

assassination of Prime Minister

They also called Mr. Gemayel

to "mete out the severest punish-

ment" against Mr. Karami's kil-lers and declared they were

"astonished" by the slow prog-

ress of an investigation into the

one week the inquiries have not

made any progress in revealing the truth, which increases doubts

around the institution in whose

domain the assassination took

place," the Muslim leaders said

after a meeting in west Beirut.

Muslim politician and key Syrian

ally, was killed on June 1 when a

bomb exploded in his seat on an

army belicopter. The helicopter

had taken off from the Adma

army air base in the Christian

Indirectly echoing previous allegations that the army and the

mostly Christian right-wing

"Lebanese Forces" militia were

involved in Mr. Karami's death,

the Muslim leaders called on Mr.

Gemayel to "help the army in-stitution purify itself from

Those at Monday's meeting in-

cluded Parlia nentary Speaker Hussein Husseini, who has res-

igned over the affair, acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss, Mufti

Hassan Khaled, spiritual head of

Lebanon's Sunnis, and Justice

Minister Nabih Berri, leader of

The crime was committed in

the midst of a harsh campaign of

criticism of the late premier and

his policies that included open

threats and provocation by a well-known group," they said in their

That was a reference to the

the Shi'ite Amal militia.

enclave northeast of Beirut.

Mr. Karami, a veteran Sunni

"We are astonished that after

assassination of the premier.

Rashid Karami last week.

believe and I believe what I've page 2

pre-emptive strike knocking out Iranian anti-ship missiles would be necessary if they were de-

ployed in the Gulf. "You almost can't wait until the missile is in flight in order to protect yourself because there is such a short interval," Mr. Reagan's chief of staff, Howard Baker, said in an ABC television interview.

"So this whole situation can be avoided if the Iranians will simply rethink that and decide that this level of escalation is not in their best interest," he said. When asked if he was warning

Iran of a U.S. pre-emptive strike if it deploys the missiles, Mr. Baker refused to elaborate.

the region. The warning came in a statement carried by Iran's national news agency (IRNA). The statement from naval com-

mand headquarters said Iran which controls the eastern side of the Gulf — had the "greatest responsibility" to defend the waterway and the navy would "powerfully fulfil" its duty.

said is the policy of the govern-ment of the United States," he

Iran on Monday renewed its warning to the United States

against any bostile action in the

Gulf and pledged a decisive re-sponse if it uses military bases in

Mr. Baker in his ABC interview said that he expected understanding and agreement that the United States could not back away from its policy that no nation or combination of nations would be allowed to block vital Gulf sea lanes or disrupt the flow of oil from the Middle East.

(Continued on page 3) U.S. military chief is against attack on missiles; Opposition "In this case I've said what I grows in U.S. to Reagan plan,

GCC backs protection of freedom of navigation

JEDDAH (Agencies) — The States and the Soviet Union to Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) protect shipping. on Monday called on world powers to protect freedom of navigation in the region's international waters, but stressed the alliance's members would safeguard their own waters.

We in the GCC are dealing with the question of averting foreign intervention in the region, basing our efforts on international law and sovereignty of each country of this region," the United Arab Emirates' minister of state for foreign affairs told a news conference.

Rashed Abdullah said that protecting navigation "in international waters is an international responsibility, and ... in territorial waters will be the responsibil-ity of each individual (GCC) power.

Mr. Abdullah told reporters that the GCC unity "impels each to come to the aid of the other, because any aggression on one will be dealt with as an aggression

He made the statement after winding up a three-day foreign ministers conference of the sixnation GCC amid mounting tension in the strategic waterway over intervention by the United efforts to end the Iran-Iraq war.

on Tuesday against what they describe as the Israeli govern-

ment's "apartheid policies" and

discrimination against the Jewish

The planned demonstration is

protests culminating in a general

strike by Arabs later this month,

the Jerusalem Post said Monday.

strike was taken at a meeting of

Arab leaders on Saturday. The

Arab leaders said that the Israeli

government's discrimination

against Arabs had reached new

heights with its recent decision to

introduce differential tuition fees

in other fields, notably local au-

thority budgets, schooling, health

"The situation is worse than at

any time since the establishment

of the state," said Ibrihim Nimr

Hussein, chairman of the national

committee of Arab local councils

"We had an agreement with sein. . .

They also reported inequality

in universities.

services and housing.

and mayor of Shfaram.

The decision to launch the

state's Arab minority.

Arabs to stage protest

outside Knesset today

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Thousands of Israeli Arabs are budgets would be gradually in-

expected to demonstrate outside creased to bring them in line with

the Israeli parliament (Knesset) those of similar-sized Jewish local

slated to be the first in a wave of rented accommodation in which

Kuwait's five partners - Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain - voiced unlimited support for its efforts to protect its shipping against Iranian attacks.

But no mention was made of whether Gulf countries will accede to U.S. requests for military faci-lities to provide air cover for U.S. warships in the Gulf.

"The GCC expressed appreciation for the international community's concern for securing navigation in the Gulf's interna-tional waters," the Gulf News Agency reported after the GCC ministers ended their meeting.
U.S. officials are exploring the

possibility of forming a multinational force to patrol the Gulf. Washington has called on its allies to share the responsibility. although it has said that the Soviet Union could not participate in such a force.

The ministers reviewed military cooperation within the GCC. the Gulf News Agency reported, and "expressed satisfaction at the latest developments in that field.'

The ministers, also discussed

"We were also promised that

there would be money available

to build at least 200 new clas-

srooms this year to replace at

least some of the unsuitable

thousands of our children have to

study. None of these promises

has been fulfilled." Mr. Hussein

In addition to the mass protest

outside the Knesset on Tuesday,

demonstrations are to be held in

Nazareth and the viliages of Yasif

and Taibe on Friday afternoon.

24 by a one-day general strike that will include shops and

businesses, schools and municipal

services throughout 48 towns and

"If, in the meantime, the gov-

ernment agrees to take action to

rectify the imbalance, we will

gladly call off the planned action.

But if they pay no attention to

our demands, we will intensify the campaign," warned Mr. Hus-

This will be followed on June

authorities," he said.

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, attended a celebration held on Monday by the Prince Hashem Ibn Al Hussein Battalion on the occasion of the sixth birthday of His Royal Highness Prince

Prince Hashem

attend army

celebrations

King and

The King, who was accompanied by Prince Hashem, watched military exercises by the battalion including contests and presented prizes to winners.

The commander of the battalion presented a token gift to Prince Hashem on the occasion. The King and Prince Hashem were accompanied on the visit to

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Arab citizens in the occupied

In a meeting with members of a United Nations fact-finding mision currently visiting Jordan, Prince Hassan said the \$1.3 billion development scheme also

The U.N. mission, which headed by Sri Lanka's permanent envoy to the U.N. Daya Pereira, includes representatives from Senegal and Yugoslavia. They arrived here on Sunday on a four-day visit to Jordan as part of their mission to investigate reports of Israel's arbitrary measures and practices against the Arab population there.

Arabs assail Israeli chief

DHEISHE REFUGEE CAMP (Agencies) — Israeli army chief General Dan Shomron was the target of abuses by Arabs on Monday when he visited a Palestinian refugee camp attacked by Jewish settlers.

"You are the occupiers, you are responsible for the damage," screamed an aged Palestinian woman as Gen. Shomron inspected broken windows and punctured water tanks in the camp south of Jerusalem.

Palestinian women surrounded Gen. Shomron and army officials who accompanied him. They shouted at him, one pointing at a little boy who had stitches over his right eye.

Jewish settlers rampaged through Dheishe on Saturday night, firing shots, throwing rocks at Arab homes and damaging Arab property in retaliation for a stoning attack on an Israeli bus.

Thirteen settlers appeared in a court Monday to hear a charge list that accused them of setting fire to cars and attacking Israeli soldiers who tried to stop the violence.

As Gen. Shomron walked away tight-lipped from shouting and wailing Arab women at Dheishe, a passing Israeli bus driver slammed on his brakes and began shouting at the general. They throw rocks at us here

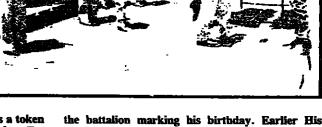
every day. Where are you then? Where is our security, you don't do anything for us," he shouted, his body half out the vehicle window. Brigadier General Amram

Mitzna, head of the Israeli occupation army, said the settlers also attacked soldiers Saturday. He accused them of "acts of provocation and violence that are hard to describe.'

Gen. Shomron, asked to comment on Gen. Mitzna's assessment, told reporters he supported the general "100 per cent."







gift from the commander of the Prince Hashem Ibn Al Hussein Battalion after attending celebrations by

Majesty King Hussein presented prizes to winners of contests held on the occasion (Petra photo)

the battalion by Armed Forces Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the com- Mechanised Division and senior Commander-in-Chief General mander of the Fourth Royal officers as well as invited guests.

Jordan seeks to strengthen Arab steadfastness in occupied lands, Crown Prince tells U.N. team Israel has denied permission to

Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Monday said Jordan's fiveyear development scheme for the West Bank and Gaza Strip aims at consolidating the occupied territories' economic infrastructure through creating new job opportunities for Arab citizens living under the Israeli occupation.

aims at enhancing the Arab presence in the occupied territories.

eliminating their identity. The Crown Prince also wished the commission success in its work. Later in the day, the mission was received by Minister of Occu-

Prince Hassan also assured the

committee of Jordan's keenness

to maintain the Arab identity of

people living under Israeli occupation and strengthen their

steadfastness against Israeli prac-

tices which aim at uprooting the

Arab people from their land and

territories.

pied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin and Minister of Foreign Affairs Taher Al Masri. During the meeting, Mr. Dudin called on the United Nations to intensify its efforts in order to allow the commission to ies to get first-hand information

the commission to enter the occupied territories. Mr. Dudin briefed the panel on

Israel's violations of the human rights of the Arab citizens in the occupied territories. These violations include detentions, deportation, home arrest, confiscation of land, destruction of homes, curfews, banning people from travel and building settlements on Arab land, Mr. Dudin said. Mr. Dudin referred to various

resolutions and decisions taken by the United Nations and the Security Council towards ending the aggressive Israeli practices against the Arabs and forcing the Jewish state to respect the Arab people's human rights.

The minister said that until May this year Israel had confisenter the occupied Arab territor- cated a total of 2,739,551 dunums of Arab land in the West Bank on Israeli practices against the and Gaza Strip.

thorities had also built more than 190 settlements where 200,000 Jewish settlers now live. Mr. Dudin handed the commission a detailed report on Israeli laws imposed on the occupied territories and the Israelis' violations of human rights.

The meeting was attended by undersecretary at the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs Ahmad Al Qatanani and heads of departments in charge for implementing Jordan's five-year development scheme there, and departments charged with monitoring on the practices of the occupation authorities against the Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

During its stay here, the commission will hear testimony from Palestinians about conditions under the Israeli occupation. Its members arrived in Amman

He added that the Israeli au- to Damascus on June 12.

Arab panel to contribute to efforts for Security Council move on Gulf war the committee's moves would

AMMAN (Petra) — A sevenmember Arab committee charged with seeking an end to the Iran-Iraq war is scheduled to meet with United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar on June 12 as part of its intensified efforts to rally international support for ending the Gulf conflict, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri said on Monday.

In an interview with Petra, Mr. Masri, a member of the committee, said the seven man team entrusted with contacting members of the Security Council in general and the body's five permanent members in particular, would embark in the "near future" on a new level of increas. efforts and contacts in the international arena to end the almost seven-year-old war.

help in narrowing differences among the five permanent members of the Security Council and leading to the adoption of a resolution calling for an end to the conflict. "The undertaking of such an

should be a very important step towards ending the bloodshed, Mr. Masri said. He noted that the five perma-

Iraq war" by the Security Council

nent Security Council members were the countries mostly affected by the dangers threatening free navigation in the Gulf. Mr. Masri also noted that in-

tense consultations were taking place among the members of the Security Council in order to reach

mittee, Mr. Masri said, will urge the council's members to shoulder their responsibilities and to formulate the sought-for draft resolution to halt the conflict. Such a resolution is expected to effective resolution on the Iran-

The seven-member Arab com-

call for an immediate end to the war, withdrawal of the warring troops to respecting international boundaries, negotiations between Iraq and Iran, exchange of prisoners of war and both countries' adherence to the principle of legitimacy and unity of each other.

It is also expected that the resolution call for the setting up of a special committee to define the party which instigated the war and another committee to set up a fund for reconstruction in Iran The minister voiced hope that a draft resolution on the Gulf and Iraq.

Raimond said planning Jordan visit in July

AMMAN (J.T.) — French Foreign Minister Jean Bernard Raimond is scheduled to make an official visit to Jordan during the first week of July for talks on the French role in advancing Middle East peace efforts, press reports said Monday. The French embassy, contacted by the Jordan Times, said it could not confirm or deny these reports.

"It is up to the Foreign Ministry (in Paris) to announce such news," a spokeswoman for the embassy said.

No official communique has been issued regarding the visit, but agencies quoted unnamed officials as saying that during his three-day visit, which reportedly begins on July 4, Mr. Raimond is scheduled to meet with Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and other Jordanian leaders. Mr. Raimond postponed a trip

to Jordan last March, one day before it was scheduled to take place, citing developments covering French hostages in Lebanon. Since then, the minister has gone on official visits to several Gulf and North African states as well as a trip to Israel last week where he held talks with Israeli officials.

Mr. Raimond's schedule last March included meetings with His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Zaid Rifai for



Jean Bernard Raimond talks on France's role in efforts to

convene an international peace conference on the Middle East. The visit was then described by a senior French embassy official as a follow up to the European Community's endorsement in February of the idea of an international peace conference for negotiations to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict. The minister was also scheduled to be received by Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker.

Speaking to the Jordan Times before the postponement of the visit in March, the embassy official did not rule out talks on military cooperation between Jordan and France, but said that "if the issue were to be discussed.

it would be a Jordanian initia-

Mr. Raimond's visit will come as a response to an invitation extended in June last year by Mr. Masri, during a visit to Paris by King Hussein. The King held official talks

with French officials during a visit to France in January which were described as "extremely suc-Mr. Raimond's visit to Amman

will come after a visit to France. Britain and West Germany by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon

Reports said Monday that Mr. Peres would seek to revive his efforts for an international conference on the Middle East dur-

ing the three-nation visit. Moves to convene such talks have been effectively blocked by a deadlock in the Israeli cabinet. Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

and his right-wing Likud bloc are bitterly opposed to the idea. Sources quoted by Reuter said

Mr. Peres hoped to put together an agreement among the three Western permanent members of the U.N. Security Council - the United States, France and Britain - on powers and procedures of a peace conference. West German support was also important, they

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penetration. Mr. Gemayel has ordered official inquiries by two committees, one military and one judicial, but some Muslims have accused him of hiding the truth.

U.S. military chief against attack on Iranian missiles

WASHINGTON (Agencies) - The chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff told a closed Senate hearing on Friday he opposes a pre-emptive strike against Iranian missiles that could threaten Gulf shipping, the Washington Post reported Monday.

Quoting unidentified officials. the newspaper said Admiral William Crowe also told the closed session of the Senate Armed Services Committee that he doubted Iran would fire the missiles at ships sailing under U.S. flags.

Some military officials, however, believed it would be too risky to allow Iran to deploy its Chinese-made Silkworm missiles on the edge of the Strait of Hormuz, the newspaper said.

'Crowe said he didn't think we should take a pre-emptive strike against the Silkworms because it might get us into the Gulf war over a weapon he doubted Iran will use against us," the Post quoted one source as saying.

The missiles, which China has denied selling to Iran, have a range of more than 80 kilometres. The strait is as narrow as 48 kilometres.

The Post reported last week that a pre-emptive strike against the missiles was among the options being debated by the Reagan administration.

Administration officials have refused to speculate on military options, but have warned Iran against interfering with U.S. ship-

The missiles, which could pose a threat to the 11 U.S.-flag Kuwaiti tankers President

July 1. the Post said. The Pentagon on Sunday denied an Israeli news report that the United States has been airlifting large quantities of arms and military equipment to Bahrain to help secure sea traffic in the Gulf.

Reagan has pledged to protect,

could be operational as early as

A Pentagon spokesman, Air Force Maj. Randy Morger, said there has been no large transfer of military equipment in recent

Maj. Morger said the U.S. did escort a Kuwaiti freighter to Bahrain in late May to drop off equipment, including U.S. tanks and tank-support vehicles, that were part of a foreign military sales agreement. But that equipment had long been on order, he

Israel Radio said the airlift has been in operation for the last several days "to establish a substructure that will help the U.S. navy to protect ships in the

The state-run radio, attributing the report to its monitor Mickey Gurdus, said the airlift was conducted by planes of the U.S. Air Force's Military Airlift Command and by rented planes of American

"For the past several days, I have been hearing them going back and forth," Gurdus, a veteran monitor of Middle East news credited with breaking several important stories, told the Associated Press.

"I understood from their communications they were transporting military equipment," he said, speaking in a telephone interview from his home in Tel Aviv.

The reported airlift was apparently connected with President Reagan's decision to protect Western oil deliveries from the war between Iran and Iraq, the

Maj. Morger said the U.S. has two airlift flights that routinely go into Bahrain each week to support embassy personnel, military personnel, and now they are helping to support the USS Acadia, a U.S. resupply ship that is helping fix the Stark.

Following the attack on the USS Stark, there was a short-term increase in military airlifts to evacuate the wounded, bring out the bodies of the dead, and support the board of the inquiry, Maj. Morger said, but, "there has been nothing extraordinary going on" in recent days.

The U.S. navy has recently stepped up its patrols in the Gulf

Kuwait to take 'severe measures' against attackers

KUWAIT (R) — Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla Al Sabah was reported Monday as saying Kuwait would act severely against any group threatening the security of the northern Gulf emi-

"It is not the policy of Kuwait to generalise the use of repression. It is only used is cases that need firmness and severity against those who think they can touch the state's security and the safety of the society," Al Qabas newspaper quoted Sheikh Saad as telling reporters.

A state security court last week passed death sentences on six Kuwaitis, two still at large, for sabotaging oil installations and

plotting against the country. "The latest incidents in Kuwait are political crimes ... by groups or parties or countries (working against Kuwait.)" the prime minister said.

In Beirut, a little-known Muslim underground group, "the Forces of Prophet Mohammed in Kuwait," issued a statement Sunday saying it would take action against the emirate if any harm was inflicted on the six Kuwaitis sentenced last week to death.

Iran says expelled Briton cleared to leave olin. Iran's Islamic Reput

LONDON (Agencies) — Edward Chaplin, a British diplomat who Mr. Chaplin's abduction was beaten up in Tehran, held by Revolutionary Guards for 24 hours and then ordered out with four other envoys, is now free to leave Iran after an administrative hitch prevented his departure Sunday night, the Foreign Office said Monday.

"We have been told the problems preventing his departure last night have been resolved," a Foreign Office spokesman said.

Mr. Chaplin, his wife and two children are expected to board a Lufthansa flight leaving Tehran for the West German city of

Egypt

holds 500

hardliners

CAIRO (R) — Egyptian authorities, nervous over three unsolved

political murder attempts, have confirmed that 500 Muslim fun-

damentalists are being held for

questioning. Interior Minister Zaki Badr

gave the first official tally of the

number of Islamic hardliners

arrested under six-year-old

emergency laws, rejecting

opposition charges that

Three assassination attempts in

the past month had not shaken

Egypt's stability and security, he

told members of the ruling

National Democratic Party

bill was being drafted "to combat terrorism," but gave no details.

His remarks came at a time of

popular unease over the three

murder bids and uncertainty over

how far they are linked. Accord-

ing to press accounts, he denied

numours that they were financed

by a foreign organisation.

Mr. Badr disclosed that a new

thousands had been detained.

Mr. Chaplin's abduction and detention by Revolutionary Guards in Tehran last week sparked off a diplomatic row between Britain and Iran, resulting in a tit-for-tat expulsion of five diplomats on each side.

The Foreign Office said Sunday night his departure had been cleared by the Iranian Foreign Ministry and he had no problems getting through customs and im-migration with his family at the

But when Mr. Chaplin, Britain's second-ranking diplomat in Tehran, went on to the police security desk, he was told he

The Foreign Office said Christopher MacCrae, head of the Bmish interests section in the Swedish embassy, had received the news that Mr. Chaplin could

leave. The Swedish embassy looks after British interests in Iran. Mr. Chaplin, a first secretary in the interests section, was not detained and is in the embassy

compound. The Foreign Office said none of the other British diplomats ordered out of Iran were scheduled to be on the same flight. Iran had said it planned to lay serious charges against Mr. Cha-mercial division.

newspaper said Sunday th charges related to "his invo ment in certain cases of dr foreign currency and coins sm

Britain closed its embassy Tehran in 1980 after Iranian n tants stormed the U.S. emb and held 52 Americans host for 440 days.

Two of the expelled diplon are already back in Britain Roger Kershaw, a second sec ary dealing with commerce affairs, and Christopher Wiggi ton, third secretary in the o

Khamenei: Reagan will not get support from summit leaders over Gulf policy allies towards this explosive issue. Gulf country has been repor

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Agencies) — Iranian President Ali Khamenei said Monday that his country's contacts indicated most of the Western leaders meeting in Venice would not vield to U.S. demands to increase their presence in the Gulf.

Mr. Khamenei was quoted by Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), monitored in Nicosia, as saying these countries had told the Iranian Foreign Ministry the security of the Gulf should be guaranteed by the countries of the region.

IRNA, paraphrasing Mr. Khamenei's comments, said: "The president elaborated that

recently the Iranian Foreign Ministry made contacts with a number of these countries during which most of them indicated they will not yield to demands and would like to see the security of the Gulf maintained by the littoral states.'

He said Iran's policy in the Gulf had impressed the summit of the leaders of seven major industrial countries in Venice.

During the meeting, U.S. President Ronald Reagan is expected to seek the allies' support in protecting Western oil shipments in the Gulf, following the May 17 Iraqi missile attack on the USS Stark. In an interview published in

Japan, Mr. Khamenei earlier said the Venice summit should address the issue of who is responsible for raising tension in the region. IRNA quoted Mr. Khamenei

as saying that there is no unified view among the leaders at the summit on the Gulf and "the U.S. is trying to drag its reluctant in the Gulf. However, so far no

However, indications are that most of these leaders have differing views on this matter."

He did not elaborate. Tehran Radio, also monitored in Nicosia, quoted Mr. Khamenei as saying: "Our nation will not consider any blockade as a hindrance and it is this courage that has frightened the leaders of the big

He said Mr. Reagan's call at the summit for a military action in the Gulf will not be able to force the Iranians into doing anything they do not want. "They will defend their just right with all their might," the radio reported. Earlier, IRNA quoted the nav-

al command headquarters of the Iranian navy as saying Sunday that it would attack any military bases established in the Gulf by the United States. It said that any use by U.S.

forces of bases in the Gulf would be a violation of the interests of

"Defending the interests of the Islamic Republic of Iran and safeguarding security in the Gulf is the natural right and responsibility of the Iranian navy and... it will powerfully fulfil its duties," the agency quoted the navy as saying in a statement. The navy's announcement fol-

lowed a warning Friday by Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani that Iranian forces would raid any bases granted to the United States by Gulf Arab states.

The United States has been seeking air bases in Saudi Arabia, Oman and other Gulf states so it can provide air cover for its ships

to have agreed to provide s In another dispatch, IRI

quoted Deputy Foreign Mini-Hussein Sheikholeslam as call on the United States and So Union to keep out of the G "We are against superport presence in the region and firmly counter any plot by

U.S. or any other countr Sheikholeslam was quoted saying late Sunday. Mr. Khamenei said a block of the Hormuz Straits at the h of the Gulf would not be e because it is a major lifeline

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Opposition to Reagan's Gulf policy growing in Congress

By Valerie Strauss Reuter

WASHINGTON - President Reagan's Gulf policy is meeting strong disapproval in Congress where there is concern that his plan to place Kuwaiti oil tankers under U.S. flags could embroil the United States in the Gulf war.

Opposition to Mr. Reagan's proposal to put 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers under U.S. flags and provide them with naval escorts in the Gulf has grown dramatically in the last week. Memories of the consequences of U.S. involvement in Vietnam still haunt the Democrat-dominated Congress.

The issue took centre stage in Washington after the May 17 Iraqi missile attack on the U.S. frigate Stark. Iraq said the attack was accidental and Washington accepted the explanation.

But Democratic leaders do not the Kuwaiti ships nor the process by which it was reached.

Congress, already angered over the administration's secret dealings in the Iran arms sale and the diversion of aid to the Nicaraguan contra rebels, was further irritated when it learnt that the Kuwaiti flag decision had

been taken without consultation. arrogance of the administration"

"would avoid a lot of trouble if it took Congress and its leaders into

its confidence. But both Democrats and Republicans are concerned that Mr. Reagan's policy could drag the United States into the Iran-Iraq

war, now in its seventh year. "The danger of a conflict is very real. At any moment something can happen in that part of the world," said Judith Kipper, a Middle East expert at the Brookings Institution.

NEWS ANALYSIS

The administration said it agreed on the flag deal to reas-sure Kuwait of U.S. reliability as security partner and to maintain freedom of navigation in the Gulf, which holds 55 per cent of

the world's known oil reserves. But some critics charged that accept Mr. Reagan's decision on Reagan jumped into the decision solely out of cold war concerns after Kuwait had chartered three Soviet tankers.

Others saw it is as part of Reagan's efforts to revive confidence in his leadership which was badly damaged by the Iran arms scandal, popularly dubbed the Irangate affair. It was also seen as a bid to regain the respect of Senate majority leader Robert America's Arab friends who were Byrd, a Democrat, said "the angered when Washington sold had got the United States into calling for Iran's isolation as a trouble in the past, adding it "terrorist" nation.

"Without Irangate, we would not have been willing to do this," Kipper said. "We are trying to restore our damaged credibility in the region, trying to play catch

"But we went down the wrong road. There were a lot of alternatives but at the time this came to the attention of the administration, they were preoccupied with Iran. They made a quick judgment and now we don't have a choice.'

The extent of congressional opposition became clear last week when legislators introduced bills to ban the reflagging of the Kuwaiti ships, prohibit any reflagging in trouble spots without congressional consent and recover the cost of keeping Gulf sea lanes open from Japan and Westem Europe.

Key senators, including Democrat Senator John Glenn, went as far as to say that Congress might ban the reflagging of Kuwaiti

The debate intensified during a House of Representatives vote last week on a bill which required the Reagan administration to provide Congress with a report on its Gulf policy but did not place any restrictions on its ac-

The bill was passed by 305-102 votes and opponents said they arms to Tehran while publicly were not so much upset by its calling for Iran's isolation as a contents than by what was left

"It is frankly mind-boggling that the Congress limits its request for information to military logistics and ignores all the more basic policy issues that are troubling all of us," Representative Howard Wolpe, a Democrat,

Toby Roth, a Republican, compared the bill to the Gulf of Tonkin resolution in 1964 which provided the legal basis for greater U.S. involvement in the Viet-

When President Johnson told Congress two U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin had been attacked, he was granted powers to take "all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States.'

It was later learned the attacks

What Roth and other critics fear is that the bill - which is expected to pass the Senate soon - implies congressional consent to any future administration ac-

tions in the Gulf. Some legislators say a conflict could arise so fast that Congress would not have the time to pre-

vent it if it wanted to. "If this resolution somehow becomes our only action, our only response to that situation. then I think we will rue the day that we adopted it," Representative Peter Kostmayer, a Democrat, told the House.

Shamir has 'feelings of warmth' for Soviets

TEL AVIV — Prime Minister Shamir has declared that he had "no anti-Soviet feelings in his heart," and called the Soviet Union "a great and enormous country.

Speaking to Andre Rossinot. the visiting French minister responsible for the government's liaison with parliament, Shamir said that he had "warm and appreciative feelings" towards the Soviet Union, and would like to see the development of normal

relations between it and Israel. Shamir was responding to Rossinot's question whether he. Shamir opposed the idea of an international conference for Middle East peace because of his opposition to Soviet entry into the peace process. Shamir answered that his opposition to the conference idea was based on "the nature of the conference," and not on the prospective Soviet participation The Jerusalem Post.

Ozal's party gets boost in local Turkish elections

ANKARA (R) — Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's ruling Motherland Party celebrated an electoral boost after winning a majority of 84 municipalities across the country in local government polls.

Mr. Ozal, whose party took 55 mayoral posts out of the total 82 ballots so far counted, said results showed that people in the local government polls had refused to back the opposition.

Early unofficial results showed the right-wing True Path Party (TPP) followed the government party with 17 municipalities while Social Democratic Populist Party (SDPP) won five, Democratic Left Party (DLP) three and Prosperity Party (PP) had two, state radio said. Some 100,000 voters cast their votes to elect new mayors in 84 centres newly-

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An art exhibition by Ibrahim Arar at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel (until June 11).

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SYMPOSIUM *The Armenian Centre and the British Council are participating with the Royal Automobile Club, the U.S. Agency for International Development, and other Jordanian and international institutions in a conference on Modern Trends in Traffic and Transport at the Royal Cultural Centre (until June 11).

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centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening bours: 9.00 a.m., 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m., 5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m., 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m., 6.00 p.m., Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 630128.

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Working group reviews evaluation of education

General of the Ministry of Education Radi Al Waqfi Monday presided over a meeting of the central working group in charge of revising the educational system, Dr. Waqfi said that the new definition of education is the preparation of citizen for life.

He pointed out that the present evaluation of educational activities is aimed at preparing citizens to meet future demands.

The main aim of evaluation, Mr. Waqfi said, is to formulate an educational policy, capable of achieving the aspirations of the educational institutions - to educate future generations of citizens and leaders and to inculcate the values of patriotism.

The working group comprises representatives for the ministries of information, youth, agriculture, planning, occupied territories affairs, health, awqaf and Islamic affairs, labour and social development and representatives of the military, the culture department, Vocational Training Corporation and the director generals of the Ministry of Education departments concerned.

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Earlier, Dr. Wagfi said that his ministry was planning to hold a conference to discuss the results of the evaluation of the education

information system.

He said that Prince Hassan's inspection tours of schools in

various governorates over the past months brought to light several issues that need to be dealt with at the coming conference, which will be held after preliminary preparations.

Dr. Waqfi, who was addressing a general meeting of directors of education in various provinces, said that the conference, which will group representatives of different sectors of the public, will pave the way for a new

The ministry earlier formed technical committees to discuss education in each governorate; the findings will be taken up at the conference, according to Dr. Waqti.

The Ministry of Education, he said, has already received 61 questionnaires submitted by education supervisors outlining the educational needs of each governorate and proposal for re-

The questionnaires deal with a wide range of subjects, including school textbooks, vocational training, different vocational streams, and the work of teachers among other important topics, Dr. Waqfi noted.

He said that the projected conference will be held soon but gave no other details.

NEWS IN BRIEF

AMMAN (Petra) — Planning Minister Taher Kanaan Monday

decided to establish a centre for socio-economic information at

the ministry and named Dr. Marwan Muasher as head of the new

centre. The centre will be entrusted with collecting, classifying

and organising economic and social information. The information

collected by the centre will serve to supplement the national

Cabinet approves equivalence degree service

AMMAN (Petra) - The Cabinet on Monday authorised the

Ministry of Communication to perform a new service related to

obtaining certificates which equate education degrees obtained

abroad with the Jordanian education system. The new service will

allow this to be done through post offices, in cooperation with the

ministries of higher education and finance. The Cabinet also

approved the exchange of memoranda of understanding between

Jordan and West Germany on financing the Jordan Valley

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Hosni

Mahmoud Ali to three years in prison with hard labour and fined

him JD-1,500 for the illegal acquisition of narcotics. The general

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Socio-economic inf. centre to be set up



Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath watch one of the mentally handicapped workers using the facilities at the work-shops established by the Young Women's Muslim

Amman. The Crown Prince and Princess Sarvath attended the inauguration of the workshops on Monday (Petra photo).

Ministry considers including foreign publications in ban on tobacco ads

AMMAN (J.T.) — A govern-ment ban prohibiting local news-Health papers and magazines from publishing advertisements promoting the sale of locally made or im-ported tobacco products does not apply to non-Jordanian publica-tions, according to the Department of Press and Publication

A department spokesman said that no regulations exist for such a ban on non-Jordanian publications against carrying advertise-

AMMAN (Petra) — The General

Union of Voluntary Societies'

(GUVS) executive council decide

to give JD 5,000 as support to the

Patient Friends Society in Heb-

ment.

society JD 5,000

Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh last week said he was in the process of contacting the Ministry of Information, which is responsible for the DPP, to request that non-Jordanian publications also be banned in the country if they continue to carry advertisements about tobacco products.

The DPP spokesman said no procedures have been taken in this respect and no new regulations have been issued banning

The health minister had contacted Al Ra'i Arabic daily to voice support for the idea of banning the promotions of tobacco in any publication as was suggested by the paper's col-umnist Salah Abdul Samad.

Mr. Abdul Samad said that since smoking was dangerous to public health, promoting the sale of tobacco should also be banned in non-Jordanian publications, as it had been banned earlier from local publications.

Irbid marks **Great Arab** Kevolt

were held in Irbid Governorate marking the Great Arab Revolt and Army Day which falls on

Among the prominent speak ers at the ceremony was Irbid Governor Akram Al Naser, who referred to the Great Arab Revolt as a movement that aimed at achieving freedom and unity for the Arab World. Dr. Abdul Razzak Tubeishat.

Taking part in the celebrations were the bands of the Armed Forces and local folk troupes.

Crown Prince, Princess open YWMA workshops for mentally handicapped

AMMAN (J.T.) — Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath inaugurated Monday special workshops for the mentally handicapped at Sahab Industrial City near Amman.

The workshops were set up by the Young Women Muslim Asso-ciation (YWMA) as part of its efforts to rehabilitate the handicapped in the Kingdom. Upon their arrival, Prince Has-

san and Princess Sarvath were received by Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi and Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh. as well as a number of senior officials, and Arab and foreign ambassadors in Amman, in addition to the YWMA board of trustee members and the workshops advisory committee mem-

Their Highnesses toured the various sections of the workshops, which include three divisions: one for administration and woodwork, another for packing and packaging, and a third for

The woodwork workshop is designed to train 25 handicapped people who will be working on manufacturing wooden furniture. The workshop is supplied with the most modern equipment and machinery.

The packing and packaging building will be run by 12 handicapped persons, who will be sorting, packing and packaging the produced items, in addition to producing iron frames for the wooden tables.

At the end of the visit, one of the workshops supervisors presented Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath with two token gifts. that were produced by the hand-

Contributing to the establishment of these workshops were the Arab Gulf Fund for United Nations Development Organisa-

dustrial Estates Corporation, an American construction firm. Ambassador Corporation, and the Japanese government.
The workshops, set up by YWMA, have received the con-

stant support and care of Princess Sarvath since the beginning of the project. These workshops are designed to absorb graduates of the YWMA's vocational and educational training centre for the handicapped and to provide job opportunities for people with moderate mental handicaps and to demonstrate their ability to be productive.

They are also aimed at integrating the handicapped into the society and to offer them the chance to improve their own living conditions through their

At present, 15 mentally handicapped people are working in the workshops under the supervision of a number of specialists. However, the number is expected to rise gradually to 30 within the

La Visite probes mind's hidden side ment promoting the sale of such publications. really build up and become im- childhood. GUVS to give Hebron

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — At the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC) this Wednes-day, June 10, and Thursday, June 11, the French Cultural Centre is presenting a psychological thril-

ler, "La Visite," by Victor Haim. Produced by Denis Gaillard and performed by Gaynor Peridakis and Francois Le Roux, "La Visite" is a tense and powerful play open to many layers of interpretation. Based loosely along the lines of such classics as "Wait Until Dark" and Hitchcock's "Frenzy," the play, which has no story line or message, is a study of a confrontation between a psychiatrist and a madman, between an hysterical woman and a figment of her imagination, between a woman and a man.

M. Gaillard chose the play because of this element and also because "La Visite" is an actor's play, one in which the actors can

mersed in their parts. A very visual play full of action, "La Visite" was first performed 10 years ago in Paris when it starred Danielle Delorme and Robert Hirsch.

The one act play opens with the psychiatrist preparing to leave her clean, well organised, anonymous clinic. Suddenly she is aware of a man standing in her doorway,, a stranger who is yet somehow familiar.

He has a suitcase from which he produces a gift which is not to be opened until he leaves something he refuses to do. Gradually, he becomes more and more menacing, alternately shocking, humiliating and threatening both himself and her until he finally reduces her to a jibbering wreck. At this point she suddenly takes control and in a strange reversal of roles he becomes her confessional, on whom

It is an extremely well structured play in which the increasing tension mounts in carefully graduated way until at the breaking point it explodes leaving a heavy ominous silence that sur-

rounds the wreck of a human

Well acted by the two pro-tagonists, it is full of interesting touches - like the way the set slowly builds up from being coldly empty and clinical to a scattered disarray of papers and objects, and the song about the symbolical black eagle — that belp the audience understand the

different levels of meanings. M. Gaillard tries to convey. successfully or not, the idea that perhaps the whole event, which is ultimately one of the psychiatrist's most important experiences of her life revealing as it does so much about herself, was a dream. the stranger a figment of her

she pours out all the agony of her

Jordan to celebrate anniversary of Great Arab Revolt, Army Day

military governor endorsed the sentence. tomorrow celebrates the anniversary of the Great Arab Revolt led by Sharif Hussein Ibn **Western summit opens in Venice** Ali of Hijaz to achieve freedom

He said the policy had first been declared by President Jim-Carter and added: "That is the U.S. position and that remains the U.S. position." in an interview with Cable

News Network (CNN), Mr.

(Continued from page 1)

Authority's workshops project.

Baker said: "I will be very surprised if that is not endorsed by the participants in this summit. Other members of Mr. Reagan's advisory team said a summit statement that could come by Tuesday was expected to back a U.S. push for a U.N.

resolution "with teeth" demanding an end to the Gulf war. "We've been talking conceptnaily at the U.N. for some time so they (the other summit leaders) are familiar with the kind of resolution we want," one official told Reuters.

"What we're looking for here is some diplomatic support at the U.N. for this effort. We're looking for people to put pressure on other members of the Security Council," he added.

Mr. Reagan struck an upbeat note for the Venice summit, which will be grappling with mafor economic and trade problems, by announcing that Washington was ready to lift partially the punitive import sanctions it imposed on Japan last April.

Stressing the primary economic nature of the summit, Mr. Baker promised that Venice would end with "significant accomplishments,

Venice, soaked by unseasonal tain for much of the day, was clamped under a massive security net with 8,000 gun-toting Italian police patrolling its narrow streets and fast-attack launches churning through the canals.

A missile-launching Italian fri-ate was anchored just off St. Mark's Square and the city's gondoliers were told to stay away.

Anti-Reagan protesters managed to pierce the security zone around the main conference centre on the island of San Giorgio with four motor barges but were stopped well-short of their target.

Police said they were not armed. The evening reception got under way without British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Whose programme in Venice has been on to a minimum because of Thursday's elections.

Mrs. Thatcher, attending her ninth economic summit, was scheduled to arrive in time for the first working dinner at the Palazzo corner on the grand canal where the heads of government and state were discussing mainly political issues.

The Gulf, prospects for a ma-

jor superpower arms deal stripping Europe of all but the smallest U.S. and Soviet nuclear missiles, "terrorism" and AIDS were on the agenda. Economic issues, among them

ways of ironing out major trade imbalances, generating non-inflationary growth, easing third world debts and stabilising currencies, will be discussed at the opening formal session on San Giorgio island on Tuesday.

The seven's finance and foreign ministers were attending separate dinners on Monday and holding their own working sessions

Mr. Reagan announced the partial lifting of the \$300 million sanctions on Japanese electronic goods, imposed six weeks ago in retaliation for alleged Japanese dumping of semi-conductors, after a 45-minute meeting with Prime Minister Yasuhiro Naka-

Mr. Reagan said the move bad been taken in response to greater Japanese compliance with a 1986 agreement not to dump semiconductors in third countries.

The clear message from the sanctions, Mr. Reagan said, was that the U.S. intended to be "serious about fair trade."

In a 45-minute meeting with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Mr. Reagan expressly welcomed Bonn's endorsement of the proposed superpower arms

pact, West German officials said. Dr. Kohl cleared the way for the pact, which could result in the most far-reaching deal on nuclear arms since the invention of the atom bomb, when his coalition dropped its objections last week.

U.S. officials said Mr. Reagan, looking for a major treaty with Moscow to crown his final 18 months as president, was hoping to win formal backing for the pact from the Venice summit.

ron in the occupied West Bank to purchase a cardiac testing equip-The amount is part of the

GUVS allocations for charitable societies' projects in Hebron governorate for this year. GUVS offers financial aid to a total of 951 societies on the Kingdom's two banks continually to help such societies carry out in-

come-generating projects, GUVS President Abdullah Al Khatib He said that such projects are required to secure sufficient in-

The anniversary also serves as

Army Day in Jordan because of

the establishment of the Armed

Forces was linked with the Great

Arab Revolt that rallied the

Arabs behind the Sharif of Mecca

in the long struggle against Otto-

man rule in an effort to serve the

objectives of the Arab Nation.

On this occasion the Jordanian

The anniversary of the Great

Arab Revolt and Army Day

serves as a reminder of the begin-

ning of a new era in the history of

the Arab Nation marked with a

liberatioan movement aiming to

achieve unity, freedom and prog-

ress and prosperity for the people

June 10, 1916 was the day of

the eruption of the Great Arab

Revolt in the heart of Hijaz under

the leadership of Sharif Hussein

Ibn Ali who rallied the Arabs

around him and pledged to offer

all sacrifice and efforts for liberat-

ing and defending the homeland.

The revolt, which sprang from Mecca and spread out in every

direction, had its first offshoot in

Transjordan where the Jordanian

Armed Forces were created by

Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein,

grandfather of His Majesty King

Hussein Ibn Talal and founder of

the Hashemite Kingdom of

The Great Arab Revolt, which

aimed at liberating the Arabs

from Ottoman rule that lasted

four centuries, achieved great

success with Arab armies, led by

Sharif Hussein's children sweep-

ing through Arab territory mov-

ing to Syria and Transjordan

where Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein

was met with enthusiastic wel-

The first stop in King Abdul-lah's march was at Maan, in

southern Jordan, where he and

his men were accorded a tumul-

tuous welcome by the notables

and chiefs of bedouin tribes and

prominent figures who declared

full support and backing for the

revolt and joined its forces. Thus

was formed the nucleus of the

Jordanian Armed Forces which

had been carrying the standards

of the Great Arab Revolt ever

These forces have over the

years taken part in the 1948, 1967

and 1973 wars against Israel and

continue to defend the longest with military vehicles and com-

come by the people.

Israeli enemy.

On March 2, 1956, Jordan wit-

nessed a prominent turning point

in the history of its Armed Forces

when King Hussein freed the

Jordanian army from foreign

commanders and continued his

persistent efforts to make the

Jordanian Armed Forces an ex-

ample to be followed in terms of

The first stage

Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hus-

sein's men who arrived in Jordan

in 1920 formed the nucleus of the

Armed Forces. They were armed

with rifles and machine guns of

British, German and Turkish

make. In 1921, the first official

military force was set up in

Transjordan under the command

of Arab officers. By 1929, there

were 950 enlisted men equipped

through four main stages:

News Agency, Petra, issued the

following statement:

of the Arab World.

them to continue their humanita-Dr. Khatib, who was addres-

come for these societies to enable

sing a meeting of representatives of charitable and voluntary societies in Madaba district, said that GUVS has decided to set up a village for the elderly. The complex is to be set up on a plot of land offered by Saladdin Charitable Society.
GUVS will also contribute JD

1,000 to a vocational training project carried out by the Young Women Christian Association (YWCA) and JD 2,500 to a proiect for the handicapped, being implemented by the Saladdin Charitable Society, Dr. Khatib

The late Sherif Hussein Ibn Ali, leader of the Great Arab

line of confrontation with the manded by 40 officers. With this

military efficiency. The develop-ment of these forces went formed the Badia unit to safe-

into 6,500.

military force, Prince Abdullah

began the long and difficult strug-gle to build the country and

strengthen its Armed Forces de-

spite the conspiracies hatched by

the Zionists and the colonial pow-

ers at the time. By 1923, the

Armed Forces were supplied with

heavy guns, and wireless and

guard security in the desert and

the border force to prevent any

enemy infiltration and by 1947 the

Armed Forces had four battalions

and by 1948 their numbers grew

The second stage

By 1948, the Jordanian Armed

Forces were ready to take part in

the war in Palestine and later sent

in the Fourth Battalion which

took part in 16 battles around

Jerusalem and Bab Al Wad.

infantry units were formed.

IRBID (Petra) - Celebrations June 10.

Irbid's mayor, and Mr. Mohammad Hussein Bani Hani, were among the other speakers on the

struggle against the invading Israeli forces and made great and tanks equipped with 120-mm dogfight over the Sammou' re-

sacrifices. By 1949 the Armed guns and electronic systems for radar stations were then built in Forces formed the coast guard in Aqaba and several gunboats were field guns, and an air defence the air force. Forces formed the coast guard in provided for the purpose. By 1950 the Jordanian Armed Forces In 1985, King Hussein opened had formed its 10th Battalion. By Mu'ta University in Karak Govthat time the Armed Forces had ernorate to teach military science acquired anti-aircraft guns and as well as other subjects, and in formed several armoured bri-

gades. In 1956, King Hussein dismissed the foreign commanders in the Armed Forces and appointed Arab officers to command the various units. Since then King Hussein has been working relentlessly to build a strong modern force to defend the homeland and implement the principles of the

Great Arab Revolt. By 1958, the Artillery Corps was reorganised and new armoured brigades added with two armoured brigades stationed in the eastern regions and seven brigades on the western front.

The third stage

This stage was marked by interaction between the Jordanian Armed Forces with the armies of the neighbouring Arab states with whom these forces waged the 1967 war. The June 5, 1967 setback marked a new beginning for re-organising the Armed Forces and offering them highlevel training and acquiring modern weapons. Several divisions were formed

and new arms acquired. In 1968 the Armed Forces fought an invading Israeli force at Karameh in the Jordan Valley. The Israelis had aimed at occupying the heights of Salt which overlook Amman and the rest of the country, and so subjugate Jordan to a fait-accompli situation and capitulation. But the Armed Forces fought hard, forcing the Israelis to leave the battleground littered with their tanks and armour. The Israelis sought a ceasefire to evacuate their killed and wounded. King Hussein refused to grant a ceasefire, forcing an Israeli re-

In the 1970s, the Armed Forces were equipped with sophisticated weapons like tanks and rockets and in 1973 these forces took part in the war against Israel side by side with the Syrian Armed Forces.

> The fourth stage (1977-1986)

This period witnessed a significant development of the Armed These forces waged a heroic

late 1985 a new command and staff academy was opened to turn out well-trained army officers serving Jordan and other Arab states. The Armed Forces are being backed by the People's Army which was set up in 1982. grouping all abled men and male and female students.

Training of recruits for the People's Army is under way in various governorates of the Kingdom. The enlargement of the Armed Forces was coupled with the development and improvement of various engineering. wireless and other units.

The Royal Jordanian Air Force

The nucleus of the air force was created under King Abdullah in 1948 when the Armed Forces acquired two helicopters. In 1951 the first batch of pilots received their wings from the King at an official ceremony. In 1957 Hawker Hunter aircraft formed the backbone of the air force in Jordan and several air bases were built to offer services to these

It was in 1966 that the air force acquired American F-104 fighters which engaged the Israelis in a

In 1972, the air force was reorganised to cope with the new expansions and the acquisition of more advanced aircraft and a

royal training institute was set up to offer training to pilots from Jordan and Arab countries. Later, the Jordanian air force

acquired Mirage F-1 and modern heficopters.

Celebrations

To mark the occasion of the Great Arab Revolt and Army Day, Public Security Director Lt.-Gen. Abdul Hadi Majali has decided to grant JD. 25 to each of families who have lost a member

in defence of the country. Youth sectors in Jordan will also mark the occasion. For this purpose, the Ministry of Youth has prepared a programme, including a number of activities which will be performed on Wednesday. These activities include a contest for holding the Great Arab Revolt banner, which will be passed on from Agaba castle to the Al Hussein Sports City where major celebration will

be held. During the celebration, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan will be presented with the Great Arab Revolt banner.

The ministry has also organised a number of activities, including soccer matches, and art exhibi-

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Twenty years too long

THE Nazi occupation of Paris lasted for four years; Soviet forces have now been in occupation of Afghanistan for more than six years; but the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza (as well as the Golan) has continued for a full twenty years - and shows no sign of coming to an end.

If the Israelis could claim that they had brought peace to the territories they control or that a final settlement was in sight, or even that resistance to their presence has been broken, then at least they could claim success for a policy that cannot be justified on any other grounds. But the facts, as a growing number of Israelis have come to acknowledge, show that precisely the opposite is true. There is more violence today in the occupied territories than there was in the first months of the occupation, more murders, more reprisals, more arbitrary arrests and detentions and expulsions. A settlement of the conflict over Palestine is further out of reach than it has ever been. Most astonishingly of all, resistance on the part of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza (and again the same is true of those who remain in the Druze villages of the Golan) continues unabated. It is spasmodic and small scale, as it is bound to be when the population is unarmed in the face of an army of occupation equipped with all the sophisticated electronic aids to the business of intelligence and population control. Hardly a week passes when some Palestinian village or refugee camp is not under curfew, when one or other of the Palestinian universities is not closed. Prisons all over Israel and the occupied territories are crammed with Palestinian prisoners, some of them convicted (in the summary processes adopted by the Israeli military government) of "security" crimes, others simply detained without trial under the emergency regulations which so closely parallel the regulations enforced against the black population in South Africa. The Palestinian press is rigorously censored, there is no freedom of speech or of assembly, even the recital of Palestinian poetry has been categorised as seditious by the quasi-legal authorities who enforce this twenty year old occupation on a restive and mwilling population.

A whole generation of Palestinians has grown up knowing nothing but Israeli domination and the physical and psychological indignities which it entails. Prisoners in their own home-land, they hate their oppressors with an intensity which only increases as the passing years bring no relief. And the Israelis, as though driven by some evil genius, instead of trying to soften the relationship between the two peoples, resort to ever harsher manifestations of the "iron fist" by which they hope to cow all resistance. A small but growing minority of Israelis oppose this futile policy and the continuing brutality it entails, aware that it is their own society that is being brutalised as much as its Palestinian victims, and aware too of the irreparable harm that has been done to Israel's international reputation. But from Israel's leaders there is no sign of a change of beart.

In all this wasteland of broken hopes and withered ideals there is one signpost which cannot and must not be ignored. The Palestinians absolute right, a right that cannot in 10 political wisdom be seriously challenged, to an independent existence under a regime of their own choosing. Until this is accepted by the Israelis, they will know no peace — and no peace of mind either, for they know in their hearts that whether you call it Israel or Palestine the Palestinians were there before them and are more determined than

ever to stay. If the Israelis refuse to acknowledge the Palestinian right to self-determination, the world must never lose sight of it or of the need to put an end to an occupation which has already caused misery and degradation to hundreds of thousands of people - and to no purpose. For the Palestinians these last twenty years have constituted one more chapter in a long and agonising process, one which they have survived with their morale unbroken — an astonishing achievement. But among the Israelis these same years have seen a steady decline in morale, along with an equally steady loss of international sympathy and respect. For the friends of either or of both there can only be one conclusion: that for the sake of both parties and regardless of the eventual solution the occupation must be ended without delay -Middle East International, London.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Wrong approach in Venice

THE Gulf conflict but not the Middle East issue is included in the agenda of the Venice summit opening today. Dropping the Middle East from the subjects to be discussed by the leaders of the seven most industrialised nations of the Western world is a hostile attitude towards peace in our region, and justice and stability for the world. In discussing the Gulf conflict, however, the seven leaders are not expected to delve into the real reasons for the continuation of the almost seven-year-old conflict or that the war is continuing mainly due to the supply of arms to Iran by countries represented in the Venice summit. Discussing the Gulf conflict would definitely exclude any thought about the sufferings the Iran-Iraq war is causing to the people of the region, and the destruction of the economies of the countries involved in it, but it would rather focus on means of ensuring a continued flow of oil to the Western industries and Japan. Such a thought and strategy cannot and will not help put an end to the conflict nor can it help provide freedom to international navigation. Such strategy on the part of the West is bound to escalate tension and prolong the tragedy.

Al Dustour: Conflicting with aspirations

HANNA Siniora's suggestion that Arabs ought to be included on Jerusalem HANNA Siniora's suggestion that Arabs ought to be included on Jerusalem municipal council represents a tacit recognition of Israel's right to maintain its occupation of the Holy City. This suggestion is a total contradiction of the Arab and Islamic strategy with regard to Jerusalem and the rights of the Arab people in the occupied Holy City. It is also a total disregard to any thought of joint Arab action for foiling Israel's expansionist plans in the occupied Arab territory in general and in Jerusalem in particular. The Arab and Islamic countries have all condemned Israel's annexation of Jerusalem and turned down all suggestions for internationalising the city and sought to maintain Arab and Islamic rights. Siniora's suggestion is therefore considered conflicting with Arab and Islamic aspirations and the Palestinian people's Arab and Islamic rights. Simora's suggestion is unerefore considered conflicting with Arab and Islamic aspirations and the Palestinian people's hopes of an end to Israeli occupation. No-one has the right to tamper with the Arab Homeland or to make suggestions considered detrimental to Arab or Islamic identity and rights. A municipal board that groups Arabs as well as Israelis implies recognition of Israel's annexation of the city.

Sawt Al Shaab: Another blow to Lebanon

THERE is no doubt that Lebanon is now facing a crucial moment following the resignation of Hussein Al Husseini, speaker of the Lebanese parliament. This resignation could usher in a new phase of factional wars that can bring an end to the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon. The resignation opens the way for many hostile elements to tamper with the country's security and increase and complicate its problems. For this reason we see many leaders apprehensive of the coming stage and afraid of a renewal of civil conflict. This resignation, which followed the assassination of Prime minister, Rashid Karami, also marks another deterioration in the already weak constitutional authority in Lebanon. Parliament is one of the main pillars of the nation and any weakness in its leadership means a shaking of the nation's foundations. Parliament is the only place which still embodies all factions of Lebanese people and groups all parties which have the upper hand in any decision regarding the future of the nation.



Concerns about superpower ties make Europeans band together

By Robert Burns The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Western Europe is drawing closer together.

Partly for economic reasons, partly to anticipate major changes in East-West political relations, governments in the European region are showing greater

interest in alliances.
Turkey recently asked for entry to the 12-nation European Economic Community (EEC), whose members include the Turks' ancient enemy Greece. In May, Norway officially revived the question of whether to join.

The newly elected conservative government of Malta says it may put in an EEC membership bid. If it does, Cyprus might not be far

behind. Even neutral Austria, with historic doubts about political alignments, has been making quiet overtures to Europe's main economic bloc.

Some countries already in the EEC have recently reaffirmed their commitments to the bloc. On May 26 the Irish overwhel-

vote of confidence in the EEC. they see a new need to establish a Denmark held a similarly successful vote last year.

In world trade, European countries inside and outside the ing has emerged from an under-EEC are being drawn together by a growing need to defend their ture of Western Europe's ties to commercial interests against the United States and prospects more powerful U.S. and Japanese economies.

Meanwhile, with equal suddenness but less publicity, a growing number of nations on the continent's periphery have been preparing to throw in their lot with the Western European Union, a

political and military grouping.

Spain, Portugal, Turkey and

Greece — all members of the NATO alliance - have asked for membership in the union. NATO member Norway has hinted at its interest in joining but has not yet applied.

The current members of the union — Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, The Nether-lands, Belgium and Luxembourg

mingly approved a national re-ferendum that, in effect, was a None wants to leave NATO, but strictly European political and military club.

Political analysts say this feelfor a shift in the superpowers' relationship.

Norway, a founding member of NATO but never at the centre of Western European efforts on political or economic integration, is key example. In NATO debates, it sometimes finds itself wedged between the views of the United States and a partly coordinated EEC.

On the economic side, Norway stands to lose out if the EEC succeeds in its goal of creating by 1992 a truly common market inside its borders.

Alan Dashwood, a specialist in European affairs at London's Centre for Policy Studies, said Norway's concerns reflect a grow-

the economy until the constitu-

tional crisis is settled, bankers

Some Indians are reported to:

and businessmen say.

countries over their relationship with the superpowers at the same time that Europe is forging more unity at home.

There is a sense that there's some movement in the relationship between the Soviet Union and the United States," Dashwood said in an interview. The question for countries like Norway is: Does Europe represent an alternative?"

Signs of progress toward a U.S.-Soviet agreement to withdraw their nuclear missiles from Europe have added to the un-

"There is this idea now of (President Ronald) Reagan doing a deal with the Soviets over the heads of the Europeans, as well as the possibility of the Americans putting less emphasis on their overall relationship with Europe," Dashwood said.

A catalyst for this fear was Reagan's near-agreement with Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev last October to eliminate all ballistic missiles. Many West - all belong to the North Atlan- ing unease in many European European governments saw this

as evidence that the United States was willing to make decisions cratic. affecting the security of Europe without getting the full backing of its allies.

U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, perhaps sensing this concern, sought to reassure the Europeans in a speech in Brussels last month.

"I want to reaffirm here unequivocally that the United States has exactly the same deep and vital stake in NATO and the defence of Europe that it has had since World War II and, I trust, always will have," he said.

Even so, a momentum is building towards broader European alliances. It remains to be seen, however, whether either a bigger EEC or Western European union could give the region a stronger giobal role.

The EEC itself is having difficulty integrating Spain and Portugal, which joined last year, into its common trade and agricultural policies. Many of its members are opposed to Turkey's application on grounds that its system of

For the Mediterranean countries — Turkey, Malta and Cyprus — EEC membership is viewed as a way to strengthen the pro-Western approach of their current governments, and of get-

ting more economic assistance. But the economic bloc also is facing what many of its leaders consider one of its most serious financial crises, which would be aggravated by taking in economically weak nations as Turkey or Malta.

The Western European Union (WEU), which has been inactive for most of its 33-year history, is showing few signs of asserting its role as the region's only indepen-dent forum for debating security

and military affairs.

An April meeting of WEU foreign and defence ministers, billed by the organisation itself as an important opportunity to voice a unified European stance on the latest Soviet nuclear arms control offer, failed to produce any re-

Warsaw Pact seeks to allay NATO's worries

By Patrick Worsnip Reuter

LONDON - The Warsaw Pact's offer last month to review military doctrines and force disparities with NATO appears targetted on the abiding Western fear that the pact is threatening Western Europe with superior conventional forces.

But Western diplomats, in early actions to the proposal announced after a pact summit in East Berlin, said the East bloc had had plenty of opportunity to discuss these issues at existing arms control forums and no agreement had been reached.

What would interest NATO would be a practical discussion where we put our cards on the table about what we've got," one NATO diplomat commented.

Behind the pact offer, Western officials suspected, lay a fresh attempt by the seven-nation communist military grouping to en-gage NATO in talks as an equiva-lent organisation, a concept the Western alliance rejects.

The notion that the Warsaw Pact has a crushing advantage in conventional forces and arms is the bottom line in NATO's objections to the succession of nuclear disarmament proposals put forward by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Throw away the West's nuclear weapons: NATO officials have argued, and the Soviet Union would be free to blackmail the West European states with its massive forces poised just across the border.

But inability to agree on just what the East-West balance of forces is has dogged conventional disarmament efforts so far. The Vienna mutual and balanced force reduction (MBFR) talks on troop cuts in seven Central European countries have produced no agreements in 14 years.

'So far, whenever we've talked to the Eastern countries, they've failed to provide real information on what they've got," one Western diplomat complained.
"Even when we said let's forget

about data and agree on reductions, they have not been willing to contemplate a verification arrangement that would give us confidence."

According to the Londonbased International Institute for Strategic Studies, the Warsaw Pact has about 50 per cent more ground forces deployed in Europe than NATO and more than twice as many tanks,

Fiji crisis takes a worse turn three weeks after coup future and unlikely to invest in

By Jeremy Clift

SUVA — Three weeks after a military coup which sent shock waves through the South Pacific, Fiji's political and constitutional crisis is worsening and its racial divisions are widening.

Pope John Paul II described as an example of racial harmony and "a symbol of hope to the world." But simmering anger and frustrations beneath the surface have set the nation on the road to

In an address broadcast Sunday, Governor-General Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau said Fiji had moved back "from the brink of despair and destruction on which we had been poised last month." He appealed to the nation.

which is split between indigenous Fijians and Indians who arrived in the last century to work on the sugar plantations, to "put aside the politics of fear and racial aggression which have emerged over the last few weeks."

The May 14 coup has left the country of 714,000 anxious, divided and vulnerable.

Its two main foreign exchange earners, sugar and tourism, have been crippled. The Indian community which controls most of the

be considering emigrating.

Coup leader Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka has said it could be 16 months until a constitutional review is completed and fresh elec-

"This leaves a long period of uncertainty which can only be damaging to Fiji, because the racial and geographic divisions are growing stronger," one Western diplomat said.

Ousted Premier Timoci Bavadra, a 52-year-old doctor comparatively inexperienced in politics, has gone to London to seek support for his reinstatement and to ask for an audience with Queen Elizabeth. Fiii's head of state. (The queen refused to meet him.

reports said Sunday). He has refused to join the interim council of advisers helping Ganilau to run the country, saying he remains the legitimate prime minister.

Ganilau says he had no magic wand to turn the clock back. He argues that he is doing the best he can in difficult circumstances and says he offers the best hope for a return to democracy.

He is pledged to a constitutionbusiness is worried about the al review to further strengthen



Sir Penaia Ganilau

the rights of indigenous Fijians. But the constitution can only be changed through a two-thirds majority in parliament and be has dissolved parliament.

Lawyers say that if new elections are held they would have to be under the present constitution, which could lead to the politically dangerous impasse of a second Bavadra win.

Colonel Rabuka believes a way round this is to ask the queen as head of state to approve a constitutional amendment, and to turn the country into a republic if she

Former Prime Minister Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, who ruled the country from independence in power to Bavadra's left-leaning turning Indians into second-class citizens in Fiji.

is the Fijians' feeling of being run by other races in their own country, and if that issue is not addressed the problem will not be

The drive for greater protec-tion of ethnic Fijian rights has been spearheaded by the radical Taukei movement, which launched a campaign after the April poli to remove Bavadra. Ousted army commander Bri-

gadier Ratu Epeli Nailatikau has said in an interview with the Fiji Times that the army seemed to have been used by the Taukei movement.

Describing the coup as "illegal, unconstitutional and totally unnecessary," he said there must be a cleansing and restructuring of the armed forces. "You can't have an armed

force that caters only for the interest of one race."

While the army numbers fewer than 3,000, its troops have served in Lebanon with United Nations

peacekeeping forces and are highly trained. With the army firmly on the 1970 until April's elections gave. side of change in favour of indigenous Fijians, Indian businessess coalition, has warned against and shops feel threatened. The split in the country is also geog-

But he spelt out the issue clear- Bavadra's cabinet was comly at a news conference two posed of seven Indians and five after the coup. "The issue ethnic Fijians, including himself. But Bayadra says his support among indigenous Fijians is

growing stronger all the time. particularly in the west of the main island of Viti Levu, the centre of the sugar industry.

Fijian supporters of Bavadra have threatened to set up their own administration in the west. Bavadra's supporters see strikes and non-harvesting of sugar as part of a campaign of civil disobedience in favour of the rightful prime minister. Ganilan says that if the sugar is not cut it

could spell economic disaster. Sporadic incidents of stonethrowing, the burning of sugar cane plantations, the detention of trade unionists and assaults on Indians have kept tensions high, although the army says the situa-

tion is getting calmer. But the danger for the economy is that richer Indians will vote with their feet and leave altogether, taking their capital with them.

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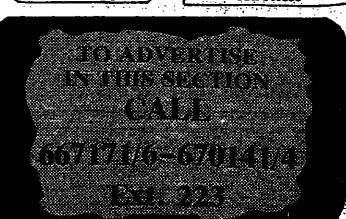
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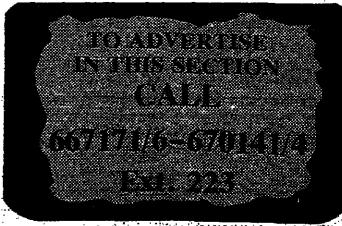
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to roll again offering new lifeline

Vision Mallet, reporting from Zambia, looks at a trade link which could prove vital for Africa's frontline states in any disruption of maffic through the white-dominated south

of Isu Smith's white-ruled Rhodesia, but the Great Uhuru (Freedom) Railway from Zambia to the Indian Ocean is again gearing itself up to try to rescue the black frontine states in the event of a disruption of trade through South Africa. The Chinese-built Tanzania-Zambia Railway — Tazara as it is

natially known — runs across 1,860 blomestes of rugged and often sparsely-populated terrain from Kapiri Mposhi junction near the Zambian copper mines to the steamy Tanzanian port of Dar es

Like many pioneering railways it has a romantic history, and the pictures side by side on the wall at Kapiri Mposhi station of China's Mao, Julius Nyerere of Tanzania and Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia are a reminder of the mammoth scale of an international project which at its peak employed 50,000 Africans and 15,000

In Tanzania, the single-track line, which has a total of 300 bridges and 32 tunnels, crosses a game park, where passengers can watch buffalo, zebra and gnu from the safety of their carriages. Since Tazara was opened in 1976, however, its practical performance as Zambia's trade lifeline has left much to be desired. The railway, jointly owned by Tanzania and Zambia, has been plagned by managerial and tech-

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donor countries. So inadequate was the railway in the past that President Kaunda was pushed into a humiliating climbdown on sanctions against

nical difficulties which are only

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with a 10-year development plan

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TE FAILED dismally in the days reopen his southern border with Rhodesia in 1978 to loosen the stranglebold on Zambian trade. Tazara is still grappling with problems ranging from a shortage

of rolling stock to underpowered Chinese locomotives and landslides, although the management, working from its Dar es Salaam offices modelled on Peking's railway headquarters, is confident that performance is improving.

Tazara is only one link in a chain which includes povertystricken Zambia Railways and the traditionally inefficient port of Dar, a point taken up by Tazara's general manager, Standwell Mapara. "You have got to think of Zambia Railways, you have got to think of the port," he "We are only in the

The line's design capacity is 2.5 million tonnes of goods per year, but in the financial year to June 1986 it carried fewer than 1 million tonnes. Mapara predicts more than 1.1 million for the current year and insists that there is some spare capacity. Tazara also carries more than 1 million passengers a year.

In the years after Rhodesia's unilateral declaration of indepdence from Britain in 1965, Zambian copper was sometimes trucked to Dar on the then appalling Great North Road, known as the "hell run".

In the recent past, the vital copper exports have been shared between Tazara and the southern rail route, but this year Zambia announced that all the copper was going via Tazara or the Mozambican port of Beira to avoid South Africa.

Almost immediately there was a bottleneck, apparently caused

Railways, and Zambia ran short of foreign-exchange, 90 per cent of which comes from copper. Stockpiles were subsequently reduced with the help of Tazara and an operation by the mines to truck copper to Harare for transport by rail to Beira. However. the incident does not bode well for any future attempt to route more of southern Africa's trade through Dar es Salaam.

Tazara is hauling most of Zambia's exports and about half its imports, as well as some trade for Zaire, Malawi and even a tiny amount for Zimbabwe. After consistently losing money since its construction, it has recorded an operating surplus for the past three years, although it is doubtful, with very limited revenue in forign-exchange, if it will be able to repay its interest-free \$500 million Chinese loan as planned.

The port of Dar es Salaam is undergoing a \$100 million rehabilitation programme, which includes the construction of a container terminal. Total capacity, excluding oil imports, should double by 1990 to about 4 million tonnes a year, and Tanzania has offered the other frontline states exclusive use of the facilities if they require them, saying that it can use Tanga and Mtwara for

Tazara has opened up vast tracts of countryside in Tanzania and Zambia, but its future as an international trade route is not likely to be easy. The port of Darhas a poor reputation in Zambia, where some businessmen say they prefer to use Durban in South Africa for quicker service and to avoid theft.

The Tazara line, although its bridges are guarded by soldiers, is vulnerable to South African attack, a danger of which Mr. Mapara is well aware. He has photographs above his desk of the Tazara bridges blown up in

1975 by Rhodesian commandos. Tazara is also facing stiff competition from the road, rail and pipeline corridor linking Zim-babwe to the Mozambican port of Beira, a favourite of international donors seeking to protect the frontline states from the effects of economic sanctions against South Africa.

Perhaps the most depressing scene of all for Tazara would be the one in which the frontline states shelved the idea of their own sanctions against South Africa altogether. Traffic is already likely to be reduced in the long term by the exhaustion of Zambia's copper mines in the next 20 years, although the slack may be taken up by Zairean copper. In the short term, Zambia's decision to break with the International volume of its imports.

Optimistic Tazara staff are looking further ahead to the days of black rule in South Africa. "We are already planning for a passenger train to Cape Town," ioked one official in Dar es Salaam — Financial Times news

The Great 'Freedom' Railway waits | Experts believe they will control AIDS epidemic prostitutes, both in the United effectiveness during laboratory

WASHINGTON — International researchers and scientists are reporting no major breakthroughs but rather steady progress in efforts to halt the AIDS epidemic around the world.

The more than 7,000 scientists and public health officials at the third international conference on AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) ended their week-long meeting June 5 on an optimistic note, concluding that the deadly AIDS epidemic, while awesome, is not beyond control. You have accomplished a

very great deal here this week by your presence and your process, exclaimed Otis Bowen, U.S. secretary of health and human services. "I believe you have moved mankind a step closer to ultimate triumph over AIDS." June Osborn, dean at the Uni-

versity of Michigan's School of Public Health, told the closing session that there was a sense of 'restrained but real optimism" among conference participants that the AIDS disease would be

"The buoyancy which I sense does not relate to specific breakthroughs or startling new find-

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Colombia - 62 cases have

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Finland — Clinical laboratories

France — The government has

Greece — The health ministry

has organised lectures and semi-

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which attract a total of more than

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AIDS an excuse for repressive

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Hungary - AIDS-virus car-

riers, as well as sexual partners of

AIDS patients and carriers, are

to be placed under medical sur-

Italy - Authorities have set up

a hotline and a 28-member task

force. The Italian association of

medical dentists is considering switching to disposable instru-

Kuwait — Press reports say

India — Mandatory screening

Japan - Draft legislation is

before parliament to bar AIDS-

infected foreigners who are likely to infect others. The bill is seen as

nimed primarily at prostitutes.

Malaysia — Has agreement

with Thailand on exchanging data

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The Netherlands — A \$2.8-

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Norway — The government has allocated \$11.8 for a public

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al sophistication of biomedical science, which has so impressively allowed us to know, describe and trap a viral foe we could not have spotted had it arrived a few decades earlier, continues to reap extraordinary rewards."

"No illness in modern times has had such a profound impact on the societies of the world as has AIDS," said Edward Brandt, chancellor of the University of Maryland. "Some of this change is positive, as witnessed by the large numbers of volunteers who are working with communitybased organisations. Some is negative, as we hear about laws being proposed about quarantine. isolation and even jail terms" for AIDS-infected individuals.

Brandt said studies presented at the conference indicate that between 15 and 40 per cent of people infected with the AIDS virus will develop the deadly disease over a five-year period. The virus is spread primarily by sexual contact, particularly among homosexual and bisexual men, and by contaminated needles used in intravenous drug use.

Brandt said that one of the most important findings preremained unchanged over the past several years.

Dr. Harold Jaffe, of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, supported these findings when he reported earlier that recent surveys found no sign that a major spread of the AIDS virus was occurring among heterosexuals, even after the virus has been infecting people in some parts of the United States for at least a

Jaffe said the principal victims of AIDS in this country remain homosexual men and intravenous drug users, who together account for nine out of 10 cases. But he cautioned that there was "indisputable" evidence that the virus could spread by way of sexual intercourse between men and women. For example, the transmission of AIDS by intravenous drug users to their heterosexual partners has been well documented.

"Our drug abuse treatment and prevention programmes must be expanded and strengthened," Brandt said. "It is increasingly clear that drug abuse contributes greatly to the AIDS epidemic and we will not stop AIDS without getting a handle on drug abuse." Brandt said that studies of

Another promising new drug

States and Africa, also show a high incidence of AIDS infection. "and that rate appears to be rising, in part due to the high rate of intravenous drug abuse and in part due to the nonuse of condoms.'

But Brandt also pointed to studies showing that education and counselling have caused positive changes in the kind of highrisk behaviour practised by omosexuals that can lead to AIDS. It was reported that between 60 and 75 per cent of those surveyed, mainly homosexual and bisexual men, had drastically alerted their sexual behaviour to avoid getting the disease.

Meanwhile, Osborn reported

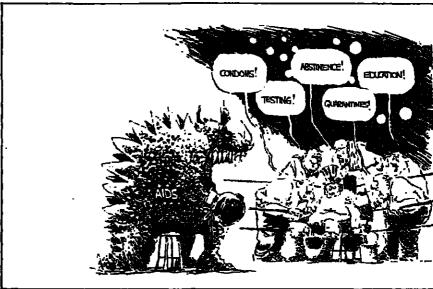
that promising new drugs and therapies were continually being developed to treat the fatal disease. One of the most prominent drugs is azidothymidine, or AZT, recently approved for prescription in the United States after being shown to prolong the lives of AIDS patients. According to studies presented at the conference, AZT is also effective in suppressing viruses that cause leukemia and neurological dis-

against AIDS is ampligen, whose

tests has only recently been announced. Biochemist Candace Pert, of the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health, said earlier that she planned to soon begin testing a chemical compound known as Peptide T on AIDS patients in the United States. Swedish doctors recently used the peptide to treat four AIDS patients, three of whom have survived.

Lennart Wetterberg, of Sweden's Karolinska Institute, told the conference that he has noticed close similarities between the genetic structure of AIDS and other illness like Down's Syndrome and Alzheimer's Disease. He said further research is needed to establish the relationship. Wetterberg also said that AIDS has spawned a new mental illness, called AIDS phobia or the fear of having AIDS.

Osborn said that efforts to develop a vaccine for AIDS are also continuing to advance. "Nothing we have learned suggests that the vaccine problem will be easier than we thought it was," she said. "But two years ago no one would have imagined that there could be so many clever strategies explored in both the drug and vaccine areas."



Spain — The justice ministry had distributed educational pamcountry. Spain's TV network has rejected condom commercials, calling them an offence to good

Sweden — A two-year, \$6.5 million campaign is primarily aimed at heterosexuals and stresses the virtues of fidelity. Leaflets are designed to reach all 84 million Swedish households.

Switzerland — Authorities and private AIDS centres have launched an explicit education cam-

Uganda — The country has won grants totalling \$20 million for the world's first internationaly-sponsored programme to fight

Uruguay -- The health ministry plans educational programme

West Germany - Borde: police have orders to bar any foreigner suspected of carrying the AIDS virus, even without screening. In the conservative

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'River's Edge' — anatomy of a 'blank generation'

NEW YORK — Six years ago, a fat 16-year-old from Milpitas. California, strangled his girlfriend, bragged about the killing to his friends and conducted a

series of tours to the murder site. As many as a dozen high school students saw the body, which lay in a ravine for days. They barely reacted to the murder until one of them finally "narked" — turned the killer in to authorities. Neal Jimenez, then a 20-year-

old film student, wrote a script about the incident as a class Now, that script has been used to make "River's Edge," which promises to become one of the

most controversial movies of the It has opened in West Germany and Scandinavia and will be released throughout the rest of

Europe during the summer.

David Denby, a New York magazine critic, describes it as the most disturbing movie I have seen in the nearly nine years I have held this job.

David Edelstein of the weekly Village Voice calls it "part pulp horror, part teen melodrama, part black comedy... it's extraordinary, a stunning new film."

Other critics have expressed disgust at the film's random violence and absence of any appatent moral position.

Director Tim Hunter feels that the portrayal of a numbed and inarticulate generation in "River's Edge" is authentic.

A former principal and some teachers from Milpitas high school saw the film, he says, and said, "We had really caught something of what that small segment of the teenage population was like. The guidance counsellor talked about going into their homes and seeing half-gallon bottles of vodka right on the coffee table and being passed around."



Dennis Hopper (right) plays Feck, a burnt-out psychotic from the 1960s and Crispin Glover is Layne, the leader of a gang of dope-smoking suburban kids in 'River's Edge,' a controversial new film directed by Tim Hunter, based on a small town murder by a high school student.

Hunter says that when he saw by its portrayal of a "blank gen-

"It was a complex and unpredictable piece in which the characters seemed to speak out from the page with their own voices,"

For the role of Layne, leader of a gang of dope-smoking suburban youths, Hunter chose Crispin Glover, fresh from his success in "Back to the Future," a sciencefiction comedy.

With his big nose and nervous mannerisms, Glover looks like a demented pinnochio and dominates every scene.

Glover says of Layne, "I knew specifically what kind of person he would be. I've seen a lot of kids like that around Los

The role of Feck, a burnt-out psychotic from the 1960s, was taken by Dennis Hopper.

Glover knew Hopper's work from such films as "Apocalypse Now" and the classic 1960s Biker epic "Easy Rider," which Hop-

per also directed. In "River's Edge" he portrays a demented, gun-waving amputee who lives in a dilapidated shack

and supplies the youths with Jimenez' script, he was impressed drugs. His is the only important adult role in the film.

The role of the killer is played by 18-year-old Daniel Roebuck but the film does not show the murder and focuses mainly on reaction to it. The real-life killer, Anthony Jacques Broussard, was sentenced to 25 years to life.

Hunter, a Harvard graduate and former film professor, is now working on a movie about Viet-nam titled "Tunnels of Chu-Chi." Its based on a book by two British Broadcasting Corporation jour-

"It's the story of the tunnel rats of Vietnam - volunteer squadrons that went down into the extensive hidden tunnel networks and took on the Viet Cong virtually one-on-one with a flash-light, a gun or a knife."

He is very happy about the initial reaction to "River's Tve been surprised by the

reviews," he says. "I think people find themselves disturbed just to be laughing at a piece of material like this. A film this dark, people aren't going to come out, go to their friends and say Boy, I had a wonderful time'."

GENEVA (AP) — Here are exise prostitutes who knowingly inamples of what some countries fect clients. Blood tests are given mainly to "hospitality" girls Argentina - an extensive pubworking near U.S. bases.

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Singapore — An education programme was launched in 1985. Counselling services are provided for "high risk" groups, like prostitutes.

South Africa - All new mineworker recruits from black areas Chile - A special aids hotline where AIDS is prevalent are reset up by health ministry gets an quired to undergo screening. Carriers will not be hired. China — All foreign students

The Soviet Union — Valentin Pokrovsky, head of the Soviet Academy of Medical Sciences, says the country will probably institute mandatory screening of newly arriving foreign students.

phlets to all jails where the problem is considered particularly serious. It also is preparing to distribute 50,000 pamphlets to medical centres and hospitals across the

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some have refused to publish The Philippines — The health department is drafting an AIDS policy that may require foreigners to present certificates showing

Bern wins Swiss Soccer Cup

BERN, Switzerland (AP) — Replacements Joachim Siwek and Reto Gertschen scored in overtime to win Young Boys Bern the Swiss Soccer Cup with a 4-2 (2-2, 1-1) triumph over Servette Geneva.

The win salvaged an otherwise ter Servette could not convert disappointing season for Young Boys, which lost its Swiss title to Xamax of Neuchatel and until last week was in danger of slipping into a championship relegation round.

While qualifying the Bern side for European Soccer competition for the second season in a row, the 120-minute final ended Servette's remaining hopes after it failed to reach a berth in the UEFA Cup this year.

Overtime became necessary af-

technical superiority and an early lead into more than a 2-2 tie after the regular 90 minutes.

In the two 15-minute extensions, Young Boys held off weakening Servette attacks and fought harder than its opponent. Servette captain Marc Schnyd-

er opened the score before 28,000 fans with a flat angled shot after

But Young Boys responded three minutes later when consis-

tently dangerous forward Dario Zuffi headed in the equaliser after a comer kick.

Swedish international Robert Prytz, the Bern team's midfield energiser, made it 2-1 on a 55thminute penalty following a foul on Zuffi. Servette substitute midfielder

Michel Decastel evened in the 67th minute after Young Boys defenders failed to clear a long kickoff by Geneva goalie Beat

As both teams pressed for a clinching goal in regular play, Danish international John Eriksen, the Swiss championship top scorer with Servette, narrowly missed the right goal cross with

After Wilander won the third

by coming to the net. Lendl came

back from a 33-minute rain delay

and took the fourth set tiebreak-

er, 7-3, after grabbing an immedi-

Lendl won even though he lost sets than he had in his two pre-

vious championship tournaments

39 minutes.

ate 4-0 lead.

Prytz tested Mutter with a free kick two minutes from time.

Siwek became the home crowd's hero after entering only seven minutes from the end of regular play. His 93rd-minute header for the 3-2 came after Bjoern Nilsson, Young Boys' Swedish centre forward, caught Mutter off guard with a right

With Servette loosening its de-fence to attack, Gertschen used a Nilsson pass in the 115th minute to nail down the win for Young

The game was played at Wank-dorf Stadium, the biggest in Switzerland.

"Although he didn't play as

well as last year," Wilander said of Lendl's match, "he still played

well. He had to in order to get to

for the second time, bowing to Yannick Noah in the 1983 final.

The Swede also won in 1982 and

1985, beating Lendl.

Wilander lost the French title

combined.

the final.

Wilander has a new name for Lendl's play: guts

PARIS (AP) - Ask Mats Wilander what it takes to beat Ivan Lendl and he'll tell you in one

word. "Guts." "That's all. You have to do what you are thinking to do from that first point," Wilander said. Wilander wasn't thinking too much about what he should be doing but still found himself ahead. He was winning 2-0 in the

first set without the tactics that

had gotten him into the final of the French Open Championships against Lendl. "I played defensively because I was not feeling good offensively. The tactic was clear in my mind but I should have played offen-sive straight away," Wilander

He had romped in the quarter-finals and semifinals with offen-

sive clay court tennis. Now, in the first two games of the final, he slugged it out from the baseline against Lendl with long railies.

Wilander came away winning the first two games. Slowly. Lendl was able to find his own

rhythm and took the set, 7-5. "I was staying back and getting points. I thought I was O.K. in the first set but I lost it and the second so I decided to change. It

was a little late," Wilander said. He returned to the offensive display that marked his winning two big clay court tournament in the last six weeks. He took the third set, 6-3.

"It was hard to do anything. He served well and if I wanted to start something. I had to start it at once," he said.

Lend! wasn't surprised by Wilander's defensive tactics.

"He always starts that way. He starts slow and becomes more and more aggressive," Lendl

The Czech-born Lendl found a way to short-circuit Wilander's play by pressuring him more in the last three sets.

The first set took 1 hour, 20

WELLINGTON (R) — The world's two leading rugby union nations and the two traditional European giants will be the world

Wales clinches last world cup

semifinal rugby union place

Brisbane quarter-final on Monday. Wales meet New Zealand in the second semifinal in Brisbane on Sunday. Australia play France

cup semifinalists after Wales beat

England 16-3 in a disappointing

in Sydney the previous day. Monday's match, the first one of the cup to be affected by rain, was a sadly typical British en-counter, full of effort but little

skill or technique. England's form in the pool

matches had heartened their supporters but on Monday they were back to their bad old ways.

The forwards were disorga-nised, the backs lacked either imagination or drive and after the first half hour it was obvious Wales would win.

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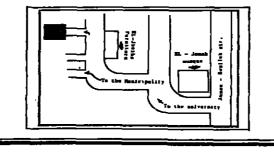
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Real on target to retain title

LONDON (R) — Spanish soccer champions Real Madrid remain on target to keep the title after the weekend fixtures but with the knowledge one slip in their final two matches could hand it to Barcelona.

Their comprehensive 4-0 away victory over Real Mallorca kept them two points ahead of the Catalans, but they still need three points from the remaining matches against Real Zaragoza and a far-from-easy fixture against third-placed Espanol to make certain of the championship.

Barcelona, who will take the title if they finish level on points with Real because of previous results between the two this season, have a slightly easier run in with games against Sporting Gijon and a home match against Zaragoza.

Steave Archibald scored twice in Barcelona's 2-1 victory over Espanol and the Joyous Catalan fans have now dubbed the Scottish striker Archigol.

But there is no such waiting for Bayern Munich who clinched their third successive West Ger-man league title and their ninth in 19 seasons at the weekend with two matches still to play.

Although they managed only a 2-2 draw at home to Bayer Uerdingen, Hamburg SV, the only side in with a mathematical chance of catching them, were

held 3-3 by Nuremberg. It was far from a championship performance by Bayern, however, and it needed a second-half equalising goal from veteran striker Dieter Hoeness to earn

them the precious point. Napoli look well on the way to adding the Italian Cup to their league championship title after a crushing 3-0 first-leg victory over Atalanta in Naples.

Fan riot damages train

PARMA, Italy (AP) — Hundreds of fans of this northern city's soccer club battled rival fans and police after their team lost a crucial match, and the fans vandalised the train taking them home, authorities reported Monday.

Police took 30 people into custody in Cremona, where the game was played. One police officer and several fans were injured, authorities said.

Hooligans who damaged three cars while riding from Cremona to Parma fled into the countryside after they pulled the emergency signal, causing the train to stop before entering the station, authorities said.

Sunday's disturbances were among the worst this year despite stiffened police security inside and outside Italian soccer sta-

The win cuts the Laker advan-

games, Los Angeles scored more than a 100 of their 267 points on fast-break baskets. But the Celtics slowed the Los Angeles' running game enough to get back into the race for their 17th championship. Two more games are scheduled for Boston Garden - on Tuesday and Thursday nights — before the

On Sunday, the Lakers scored only six baskets on fast breaks, one of them in the first half.

the second half during the first two games, never trailed in the second half of the third game, despite several Laker rallies.

scorers with 32 points, hit a three-

Soviet Union, Italy lead basketball qualifiers

PIRAEUS, Greece (AP) - The Soviet Union and Italy have finished undefeated in preliminary round matches, leading eight qualifiers into the finals of the men's European Basketball

Championships here.
In Group A, the Soviets
downed Spain 104-88 (45-51) on
Sunday with Valery Tikhonenko and Sharunas Marchelunis each putting in 22 points. Andres Jimenez was high scorer for a weary-looking Spanish side with 20 points.

ln Group B, Italy defeated Czechoslovakia 90-66 (48-40) as Antonello Riva piled up 32 points. Stanislav Kropilak and Vlastimil Havlik each scored 13 for Czechoslovakia.

Spain. Greece, Yugoslavia, Poland. West Germany and Czechoslovakia also qualified for the final round of knock-out play starting Tuesday at the Peace and Friendship Stadium in this Athens port city.

Bouncing back from a narrow loss to the Soviets on Saturday, Greece swept past France 82-69 (38-38).

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Celtics beat Lakers in 3rd game of NBA championship series

BOSTON (AP) — Larry Bird scored 30 points and Dennis Johnson added 26 to lead Boston back into contention in the National Basketball Association (NBA) championship series with a 109-103 victory on Sunday.

tage in the best-of-seven series to 2-1. The victory also gives the Celtics their 85th win in their last 87 games at the Boston Garden. The Lakers seemed poised for a series' sweep and the most successful run in NBA playoff history after overwhelming vic-tories at home. During those

series heads back to California, if needed.

The Celtics, who never led in

Magic Johnson, who led all



Kareem Abdul-Jabbar point play with 3:03 left to make it 104-99 before bird hit two free throws 11 seconds later.

The Lakers got within five points two more times, but the Celtics responded on both occasions. After Boston ran off the last 20 seconds on the clock without a Los Angeles foul, Celtics guard Danny Ainge slammed the ball off the parquet floor in jubi-

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar added 27 points for the Lakers, while Kevin McHale had 21 for the Celtics, seeking to become the first repeat champion since the Celtics successfully defended the title in 1969.

Boston took its largest lead of the game in the third quarter at 82-69 with a 22-11 streak after Byron Scott started the second half with a jumper that pulled the

Lakers within two. Los Angeles followed with bas kets by A.C. Green and Mychal Thompson to key a 9-2 run that made it 84-78 with 56 seconds left in the third period. But Robert Parish, troubled by ankle injuries, scored 10 of his 16 points in the next 51/2 minutes to extend the margin to 98-88 with 7:18 to

The Celtics made 17 of 21 shots in the second quarter to take their first lead of the series after the first period. Bird, who made only two of his first 10 shots, and Dennis Johnson both were 6-for-7 in the second quarter.

Boston outscored the Lakers 30-15 to turn a 39-30 deficit with eight minutes left into a 60-54 lead with nine seconds to go. Two free throws by magic Johnson made it 60-56 at halftime.

The Lakers' previous low half-time total in the series was 69 points in game 1.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Cyclist relegated after failing drugs test

LONDON (AP) — French cyclist Pierre le Bigaut, who finished third overall in the round-Britain Milk Race, eight days ago, Sunday was relegated to 22nd place after being found to have taken caffeine, a banned substance. Le Bigaut failed a drugs test on the last stage, the circuit around central London last Saturday. He was fined 500 pounds (\$800), relegated to last place on the London stage, docked a further ten minutes in time and received a one-month suspended sentence. Le Bigut was the fourth rider to have failed drugs tests during the Milk Race, following England's Mark Walsham and Belgian cyclists Willi Tackaert and Chris

Benfica's English manager quits

LISBON (R) — Benfica's English manager John Mortimore resigned only hours after the Lisbon side completed a league and cup double by beating Sporting 2-1 in the final of the Portuguese Cup, a club spokesman said Monday. Spokesman Gaspar Ramos said the decision to end Mortimore's contract, which still had a year to run, was reached by mutual consent on Saturday. No financial details were given. "I had to do the right thing as I could not work with people who did not want to work with me," the 52-year-old manager, who had been two years with Benfica, told reporters. Their feat of winning the double this season was eclipsed by the European Cup triumph of northern rivals Porto and the news of Mortimore's departure came as no surprise. Benfica, twice winners of the European Cup in the early 1960s. have made little impact abroad recently and clearly decided a new approach was needed. Assistant manager Toni will run the side until a permanent appointment is made.

Sjoberg records year's best high jump

EBERSTADT, West Germany (R) — Patrik Sjoberg of Sweden has made light of driving rain to record the best high jump of the year at an athletics meeting here. Sjoberg cleared 2.36 metres but he failed to better the world record of 2.41 set by Igor Paklin of the Soviet Union two years ago. Sjoberg, the world indoor record holder, equalled the year's best jump of 2.32 with his first attempt before going on to clear 2.36.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Shares stood lower in late trading, with prices drifting down in fairly quiet business as the U.K. general election campaign entered its final week, dealers said.

Much early attention was centred around the weekend opinion

polls which in the main showed continuing strong support for the ruling Tories. However, a sharp fall in bank shares, together with an early fall on Wall Street, pulled the market lower and at 1430 GMT the FISE 100 index was 12.4 points off at 2,216.4 after

opening 4.6 points higher at 2,230.4.

Banks eased on a Times article, which suggested that Lloyds will follow Citicorp and make a substantial bad debt provision. The Times article said Natwest and Barclays are expected to make debt provisions but Midland may not have sufficient funds to make such a provision.

Lloyds, which described the article as "pure speculation," was down a net 11p to 524 while Midland dipped 32p to 598. Analysts said both Midland and Lloyds have a larger exposure to South American debt than the other two major U.K. clearers.

Trading was fairly subdued for much of the session, with orders from Continental Europe at a low level because of Whit Monday

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FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 1987 GENERAL TENDENCIES: You want to get at some facts that you do not feel you are sufficiently acquainted with You need to do this in a very subtle manner, or you will be met with criticism.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Using tact is important hi handling some business deal today. Be sure you handle an obligation honestly.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You may have to compromise some with an outside associate if you are to get

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be more efficient in handling your daily affairs. Find wise shortcuts that will give you more leisure time.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You have a special talent that needs more work if the rough edges. are to be eliminated.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Make sure that kin approve of whatever you do at home and work together for greater efficiency and harmony. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Be more careful in talk-

ing with others whether for business or personal reasons. Know their true motives. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study your practical in-

terests and try to cut down on expenses as much as you can. Make your payments promptly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) It's not a good day to

expand where social affairs are concerned. Wait for a more propitious time.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't worry over

some matter you can do nothing about. Plan how best to assist one who is suffering. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) A dynamic friend

gives you good advice on how you can improve your lifestyle and be more successful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get any career work done in a most precise and conscientious manner and gain more prestige.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Some new wrinkle to a

project that fascinates you should be comprehended thoroughly before moving on.
IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he, or she,

will utilize the magnetic qualities to get whatever is desired the easy way but should also be taught that only what is earned through honest work can truly be enjoyed and retained. Listen to what your progeny says and correct erroneous ideas.

Dhaka to increase taxes

DHAKA (R) - Baugladeshis are likely to pay more for food as well as for gas, electricity and water - after the budget is announced next week, finance

ministry officials said Monday. They said the government was expected to announce a surplus budget for fiscal 1987/88 starting on July 1, levying more taxes on public utilities and stressing external aid for development.

Finance Minister Mohammad Sayeduzzaman is expected to present the budget to parliament on June 18.

It would propose that Bangladeshis, already among world's poorest people, pay more for food. water, gas and electricity, one official told Reuters.

Nearly 80 per cent of the 105 million people live below the

international poverty level, but the government says new taxes are needed to offset poor economic performance this year.
It says this is mainly due to

falling world prices for jute and tea, which account for nearly 65 per cent of exports. Poor domestic investment is also blamed.

The budget is expected to provide a surplus of 3.37 billion taka (\$111 million) on revenue of 47.37 billion taka (\$1.56 billion), compared with 8.06 billion taka (\$266 million) on revenue of 46.47 billion taka (\$1.53 billion) in the year ending June 30.

Higher tariffs would raise an

extra two billion taka (\$66 million), most of which would finance pay rises for government and semi-government employees.

But the excess liquidity now estimated at about one billion taka (\$33 million) and foreign exchange reserves of over \$700 million would boost imports and investment, he said.

The gross domestic product target for 1987/88 is 5.1 per cent. The country expects a 4.4 per cent growth this year against the target of 5.2 per cent.

With the budget, the govern-ment is expected to announce a 50 billion taka (\$1.65 billion) annual development programme for the coming year, almost 12 per cent higher than this year.

Western donor countries and agencies have pledged \$2 billion in aid for development projects and food imports next year, compared with \$1.4 billion this year. Bangladesh produces nearly 16.5 million tonnes of foodgrains a year and imports over 1.5 mil-

It has a foreign debt of nearly \$7 billion and average repayment rate is \$115 million a year. Bangladesh expects to receive

\$570 million in 1987/88 in remittances from nearly 500,000 expatriate workers, almost the same

Newsletter reports higher oil production by OPEC

NICOSIA, Cyprus (Agencies) — Oil production by nations of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) averaged 17.1 million barrels a day in May, the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said Monday.

The Nicosia-based weekly said according to its estimates, production hit a low point of 14.6 million barrels a day in March but has since climbed sharply. The figure for May is 1.3 mil-

lion barrels a day higher than the OPEC quota ceiling of 15.8 barrels a day, set last December at a Geneva conference of the world oil group.

Present indications are that June figures will be at least as high as May's and it therefore seems likely that second-quarter crude oil output will exceed 17 million barrels a day, MEES said. Production in April was 16.8

million barrels a day, it said. According to the latest International Energy Agency estimate, requirements for OPEC crude oil will be around 16.2 million barrels a day in the second quarter.

ocks would grow by some 800,000 barrels a day in the second quarter, contrasting with a rundown in stocks of some 2.5 million barrels a day during the first quarter.

The authoritative weekly commented that prices were still firm, at around \$18 a barrel, and called this "somewhat surprising" given the recent relatively high output and a projected fall of 0.5 per cent in the industrialised world's demand for oil in the second

explanations for the firm prices, per day).'

including jitters about the military situation in the Gulf and tightness" in availability of North Sea Oil due to maintenance work.

Meanwhile, oil analysts and company officials said recently that slack oil demand and ample supply will keep U.S. oil prices from trading above \$20 a barrel over the next two or three months, and prices could drop further after a June 25 OPEC

"If the OPEC meetings were over, the price would probably fall about \$1 to average \$18.50 to \$19 for West Texas Intermediate (WTI). As long as OPEC keeps a fixed price at \$18, WTI can't rise much above \$19, said Mr. Charles Maxwell, oil analyst with Cyrus J. Lawrence Inc.

In the cash market and on the New York Mercantile Exchange. West Texas Intermediate has been trading closer to \$20 recently in anticipation of the OPEC meetings and recent drawdowns in U.S. gasoline inventories.

Mr. Maxwell said that despite MEES said this meant oil the drawdowns, "there is plenty of refined product around dwide and while consumption may grow between one per cent and 1.5 per cent, supply is more likely to grow at five per cent."

Mr. William Hermann, chief economist of Chevron Corp., said while the American Petroleum Institute's weekly report on U.S. oil stocks show surprising strength in short term gasoline demand, "We are not seeing much of a demand increase year to year and have not yet revised our outlook for demand in 1987 It preferred several possible at about 6.7 million b/d (barrels

Economists predict higher inflation, possible recession under Greenspan

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — The change from Mr. Paul Volcker to Dr. Alan Greenspan at the Federal Reserve (Fed) will mean higher U.S. inflation this year and a greater likelihood of a recession right after the 1988 election, some private economists

These analysts are also looking for a period of uncertainty in financial markets over the summer months and lasting into the fall as the central bank adapts to a new chairman after eight years with Mr. Volcker at the belm.

They contend that the transfer of power from Mr. Volcker to Dr. Greenspan will not go as smoothly as in 1979 when Mr. Volcker succeeded Mr. G. William Miller as chairman of the

Mr. Volcker wasted no time taking control, moving to raise a key lending rate 10 days after he took office. Mr. Volcker as head of the Fed's New York regional bank, a position which allowed him to learn the arcane innerworkings of monetary policy.

Dr. Greenspan, who last served full-time in government as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in the administration of president Gerald Ford, will not have that advantage.

"Fed policy is likely to settle into a don't-rock-the-boat approach while Greenspan is learning the ropes," said veteran Fed watcher, Mr. David M. Jones of Aubrey G. Lanston and Co., a government securities firm.

Mr. Jones said even after Dr. Greenspan takes charge, he will have to contend with supply-siders on the Fed board appointed by President Ronald Reagan who are more focused on economic growth than inflation worries.

"Whatever action the Fed takes is likely to be too little, too late, to cool off the forces which are already starting to produce higher inflation," said Mr. Jones.

Because of this belief, Mr. Jones said he was now predicting consumer prices would rise between 5.5 per cent and six per cent this year, about one percentage point higher than he had been forecasting with a Volckerled Fed. Consumer prices rose just 1.1 per cent last year. Mr. David Wyss, senior finan-

cial economist at Data Resources

Inc., a Lexington, Massachusetts, forecasting firm, said he believed Mr. Volcker's departure enhanced the likelihood of a recession late next year or in 1989.

"I don't think the financial markets will have enough confidence in Dr. Greenspan to allow him to walk the narrow tightrope that will be required to keep us out of a recession," Mr. Wyss

Not all economists are rushing to revise their economic forecasts because of the change at the Fed, however,.

Mr. Lawrence Chimerine, president of Wharton Econometrics said he believes the central bank will continue to pursue the same "middle-of-the road" policies that Mr. Volcker has been pursuing for the past

two years.
"The Fed doesn't have a lot of choices right now," he said. "They can't ease credit conditions dramatically because that would cause the dollar to weaken and push up interest rates. But on the other hand, the economy isn't strong enough to tighten credit."

Mr. Volcker's tight-money policies pushed the country into two recessions, a short one in 1980 and a severe downturn in 1981-82. These efforts made him so unpopular at the time that he was given secret service protection, but he did succeed in conquering the high inflation which had plagued the country throughout the 1970s.

In addition to fighting inflation through monetary controls, Mr. Volcker took the lead in managing the Third World debt crisis, which erupted in 1982 with the threatened default of Mexico.

Analysts said Dr. Greenspan, because of his lack of expertise in international economics, may move the Fed away from being such an active player in debt Economists also predicted that

liefs would lead to a new direc- money supply policy after the

tion concerning deregulation of the banking industry, something that Mr. Voicker has long

In many areas, though, economists predicted Dr. Greenspan will sound much like his predecessor. Both men have issued frequent warnings about the need to reduce the huge federal budget

Some wondered whether Dr. Greenspan, a Republican, would be able to act independently, especially during the 1988 presidential election when Republicans will be counting on an expanding economy to help them hold onto the White House.

But many analysts said Dr. Greenspan has exhibited an independent streak in previous Republican administrations and was likely to continue doing so.

Treasury chief sees strong U.S. economy

Meanwhile, U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker said on the eve of the 13th annual summit of industrial nations that the U.S. economy remains strong but some allies could do more to spur worldwide expansion.

Interviewed by U.S. television from Venice, site of this year's summit, Mr. Baker said Sunday he saw no danger of a U.S. business recession this year or next year though the inflation rate likely will rise.

"I do not see a recession for the balance of this year nor do I see a recession next year," Mr. Baker

He declined to speculate about the course of interest rates or the value of the dollar.

But Mr. Baker repeated there was agreement among the United States and summit participants Britain, West Germany. France, Italy, Japan and Canada that the dollar has fallen far enough.

The treasury secretary indicated under questioning that President Reagan did not try to persuade Mr. Volcker against declining a third term as chairman of the Fed board last week.

The president "respected Volcker's wishes" not to serve a third term, Mr. Baker said. He added it was unlikely there would be a Dr. Greenspan's free-market be- major new direction in U.S.

departure of Mr. Volcker, who became known as a vigorous campaigner against inflation by keeping a tight rein on monetary

"We really don't anticipate any fundamental change in monetary policy," Mr. Baker said, adding that lowering inflation to a 25-year low of 1.1 per cent in 1986

was a major achievement. Mr. Baker conceded inflation estimates for 1987 likely will be revised upward from a current 3.8

per cent forecast. Mr. Baker said the United States hoped the other summit leaders would reaffirm commitments during the summit to expand their economies and demonstrate they are implementing measures to do so. "We've re-ceived the pledges," Mr. Baker said, "they've begun to implement them."

"The Germans have already implemented in terms of increasing the size of their tax cuts, Japan has announced a rather major stimulus package ... including one trillion yen (\$42 billion) in supply-side tax reductions," he But later, in an interview on a

U.S. cable television network, Mr. Baker suggested West Germany could do more.

"The problem is they may not have promised enough," Mr. Baker said of West Germany. We would very much like to see them take another look at their hole card if you will. If the West German economy

does not start expanding quickly, 'we'd like to see them seriously consider doing more." The United States wants its

allies to stimulate domestic demand that might help lower the American trade deficit by making U.S. goods more attractive for foreign buyers. Mr. Baker was asked on the

ABC television network about Dr. Greenspan's view that resolving the U.S. deficit crisis would almost certainly mean raising taxes.

"I'm not sure you could argue with his conclusions or his comthe treasury secretary ments."

But Mr. Baker cautioned against any quick move to boost

sees bleak prospects for Africa

NAIROBI (R) - Africa's econo- drought in Zimbabwe and a moratorium on the continent's Adedeji said. mic outlook is again bleak as Mozambique and the danger of \$200 billion external debt. ity exports slide and dry weather and swarms of locusts signa! lean food harvests, a senior U.N. offi-

cial has said. The head of the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), Mr. Adebayo Adedeji, told a news conference that the first five months of 1987 showed a continuing fall in the price of all African export commodities exœ<u>pt</u> oil.

The debt crisis is growing more serious, Mr. Adedeji said, voicing concern about a likely fall in food production this year due to

coast areas. "Unless there are dramatic changes, I am afraid the overall performance this year is going to be quite disappointing," he said. Mr. Adedeji said that last January the ECA forecast econo-

mic growth of two to four per cent in Africa this year, after 1.2 per cent in 1986. This was now endangered.
The former Nigerian planning minister said Africa would lose

about \$30 billion this year in debt service payments and lower commodity earnings and he called for

period of moratorium, a period of grace, during which all debt servicing is suspended so that all African countries can concentrate on development," he said.
This should involve the cancell-

ing of all official debts to Africa's poorest countries, a five- to 10-year suspension of service payments on the official debts of the better off countries such as Kenya, Nigeria and Gabon, the rescheduling of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World

In order to tackle the fall in commodity prices, he proposed a global system of compensatory payments modelled on the stabex scheme, under which the European Community compensates associated African, Carribbean and Pacific states for any loss of export earnings caused by a fall in world commodity prices.

Mr. Adedeji said that the global inflow of foreign aid to Africa had been stable for several years at about \$10 billion per year. But Africa lost \$16 billion in export Bank loans and a review of the income last year simly through Africa's commercial debt, Mr. the fall in commodity prices.

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THIS IS MY REPORT ON WHATEVER IT WAS







Mutt'n' Jeff



Andy Capp

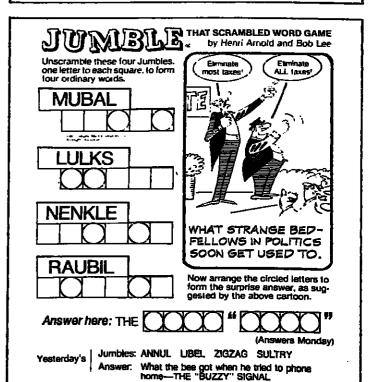








"My 3rd-grade teacher found some old papers and just realized I cheated. I gotta go stay after class today!"



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LIMASSOL, Cyprus (R) — Cypriots flocked to seaside towns Monday to celebrate the Christian feast of Kataklysmos, a

sex-and-water festival dating from pagan times. Greek Orthodox

clergy blessed the waves to recall the great flood of the Biblical

Old Testament. But historians say early Christians used the

ceremony to conceal some less than religious rites. The ancient

pagan festival honoured the erotic talents of Aphrodite, Greek

goddess of love, who, said Homer, was born "from the delicate foam in wave-lapped Cyprus." Maidens, once a year, were allowed to make love with any stranger emerging from the sea,

spawning an annual rash of boat-building by young men in the coastal villages. Today, the strangers arrive by jet plane and roles

are sometimes reversed. While priests chanted and families

picnicked, young Cypriot males strolled the Limassol beaches as topless European beauties frolicked in the Kataklysmos foam.

Cypriots mark sex-and-water feast

Colombo clamps curfew on Jaffna; fighting continues

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — The army clamped a curfew on the Northern Jaffna peninsula on Monday as army troops and Tamil rebels fought along a road leading to the peninsula's main military airport.

The level of the fighting was unclear. Military sources described it as "skirmishes," but Tamil rebels said the army was conducting a large assault. Reporters are barred from the battle

area by the government.

A military official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said a three-day curfew declared Sunday on the northern coastal town of Kandesanturai was extended Monday to the entire peninsula, which has a population of about

Tamil sources in Vavuniya, the closest town south of the peninsula, confirmed they had heard the announcement of the curfew being extended.

There was no official announcement or explanation for the broadening of the curfew. which prohibits all people from the streets. In the past, curfews have been declared in advance of army assaults.

Government officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. said the curfew was imposed to the perimeter of the army camp

keep civilians out of harms' way. One official said the government also was concerned that some civilians were needlessly fleeing their homes along the peninsula's northern coast to seek refuge in Jaffna town, the largest community on the peninsula 300 kilometres north of Colombo.

He had no figures on how many civilians had fled to Jaffna town, which is firmly in the hands of the rebels fighting for a separate Tamil nation in Sri Lanka's north and east.

In Madras, in southern India, the militant Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) said the army has launched a new offensive similar to the weeklong operation concluded June 1 in which the army secured the eastern quarter of the peninsula from the LTTE militia.

A government communique issued Monday in Colombo said "a limited infantry operation" was conducted Sunday to widen.

Seoul opposition threatens to bring The action was taken, the communique said, because "mortar fire from the LTTE terrorists down Chun launched at the Kankesanturai

SEOUL (R) - South Korea's main opposition group Monday threatened to help bring down the government of President Chun Doo Hwan unless he changed the electoral system.

Leading dissident Kim Young-Sam warned the ruling Democratic Justice Party not to "dig their own graves" by handing power to Mr. Chun's successor when he steps down next February at the

end of his seven-year term. "Should the incumbent government and its Democratic Justice Party opt to finally cross the "bridge of no return" ... an allout national struggle would be unavoidable to reject the regime," Mr. Kim, head of the Reunification Democratic Party told a news conference.

"My party will stand in the very vanguard of that struggle." Mr.

Kim declared. He said popular frustration about Mr. Chun's refusal to permit direct presidential elections was turning into demands for his overthrow and he repeated his call that Mr. Chun meet him as soon as possible to end the political confrontation.

Mr. Kim, whose party and radical students accuse the government of being dominated by the military, called voting by an Electoral College of 5,000 people a mere "gymnasium exercise."

Interior Minister Koh Kun and Justice Minister Chung Hae-Chang, in a joint statement said the opposition was using radical come an advanced country.

ROME (AP) - Italy's most bit-

ter election campaign in years

enters its final week Monday,

with polls showing the Christian

Democrats holding off a Com-

munist challenge but no clear

picture yet of who will form the

47th postwar government. While the election has gener-

ated limited press and public en-

thusiasm — the candidacy of por-

no actress Ilona Staller has been

the notiest topic — the war of

words between politicians has

The closing days of the cam-paign for the June 14-15 par-

liamentary elections have been

marked by mudslinging between

the long-dominant Christian

Democrats and their former

Former Socialist Premier Betti-

no Craxi accused Christian Democrat Foreign Minister

Giulio Andreotti of being soft on

Iran by not rising to the defence

of the United States in the crisis

over navigation in the Gulf.

been intense.

Socialist allies.

tions this week.

night and left.

Zhao in East Berlin

EAST BERLIN (R) - China's second most powerful politician Zhao Ziyang arrived in East Berlin Monday for talks aimed at restoring cordial links with a country with which it has experi-

enced uneasy relations. Mr. Zhao and East German leader Erich Honecker embraced each other before the Chinese prime minister and acting party leader was formally welcomed by the entire ruling politburo.

The warmth of the welcome

suggested that Mr. Zhao was willing to take further steps towards restoring full relations between the countries' Communist parties. Until Mr. Honecker's visit to China last year Peking showed little interest in expanding ties beyond closer economic

cooperation. Asian diplomats said they expected to see further steps towards a formal reconciliation between the East German Communist Party (SED) and its Chinese counterpart as well as economic and scientific coopera-

petitioned the party chairman

about alleged fraud in April's

Peter Engel, representing the

petitioners, told reporters the

party leaders should not have

endorsed final results of the April

23 poll without first protesting

against alleged fraud and in-

timidation by the ruling Golkar

Party on election day.

Home Affairs Minister Supard-

o Rustam on Saturday affirmed

Another 100 seats are

And he stepped up his charges

government is not qualified to voting.

that Christian Democrat Premier

represent Italy at the Venice Eco-

The elections are being held a year ahead of schedule. Parlia-

Mr. Craxi's five-party coalition,

power sharing between the Socialists and Christian Demo-

ly's largest party, have dominated

Craxi, whose party is third in size

behind the Communists, was Ita-

Mr. Fanfani heads a minority

caretaker cabinet consisting of 16

Christian Democrat ministers and

nine technocrats not directly

affiliated with any party. He will

remain in power until a post-

election government is formed.

Barring any major shifts in agreements."

ly's first Socialist premier.

The Christian Democrats, Ita-

postwar governments. Mr.

Italian poll campaign enters final week

nomic Summit.

Protest urged at alleged

Indonesian ballot-rigging

JAKARTA (R) — Members of 1,000-strong special assembly the Indonesian Democracy Party will convene next March to elect

Monday to file a formal protest Suharto the only announced

Amintore Fanfani's caretaker to form a new coalition after the

ment was dissolved in April after for the collapse of the previous

which governed for more than 3½ other of flirting with the Com-

years, collapsed in a dispute over munists, who have been excluded

candidate.

Relations between Peking and East Berlin have improved strongly over the last five years with regular exchanges of political and economic officials.

Only years before, the two countries clashed over China's border war with Vietnam. prompting a senior East German politburo member to call China a renegade to the Communist World.

But the differences seemed likely to be forgotten during Mr. Zhao's three-day visit, which also takes him to the city of Dresden --- centre of East Germany's electronics industry.

Electronics, machinery and agriculture are areas where East Germany is keen to boost cooperation. East Germany is baving increasing trouble penetrating

Western markets with its goods.

Asian diplomats said Peking has clearly felt easier about cultivating closer relations with East Germany than the Soviet Union, with which it has a long standing

will convene next March to elect

the president, with President

Mr. Supardjo, flanked by the

three chairmen of the political

parties, said all of them had

complained of "obstacles and

shortcomings" during the elec-

tions, the fourth under Mr.

"But none has filed a protest to

the election commission," he

said. "They only requested atten-

On election day Mr. Supardjo

warned the public not to vote

twice, after reports that some

civil servants had been sent two

voting patterns, politicians say

long negotiations will be needed

In addition to the polemics

over the Gulf and Venice sum-

mit, the Christian Democrats and

Socialists have blamed each other

government and accused each

Mr. Craxi, 53, is running as if

he were an incumbent. He takes

credit for bringing political stabil-

ity to Italy, cutting inflation from

16 per cent to 4 per cent and

generally improving the country's international image. He has said

that Mr. Fanfani, at 79, is too old.

branded Mr. Craxi as "untrust-

worthy," saying he broke an

accord to hand over the premier's

office to them last March. One

party poster reads: "The Christian Democrats: We honour

The Christian Democrats have

from government since- 1947.

Suharto's 21-year-old rule.

tion to these problems."

HAARTEBEESPOORT, South Africa (R) - Sixty-four days

Man quits lions' den after 64-days

and seven hours after entering a lions' cage. Mike Oosterlaak emerged more or less unscathed, took a swig of champagne and said: "Never again." With only a wooden club to defend himself, Oosterlaak, who describes himself as a freelance game-catcher, ate and slept in a cage of seven full-grown lions at a zoo north of Johannesburg in a bid to raise 500,000 rand (\$250,000) to buy two gorillas. As a fund-raising exercise, his effort was a flop — only 2,000 rand (\$1,000) was donated. It was also an ordeal. "I've been dragged out of bed, had my jacket torn off my back and my mattress torn toshreds." he told Reuters shortly before ending his stint. During his stay, in which he left the cage for only 30 minutes each day to take showers, the lions destroyed two of his radios. "A heavyweight boxer hasn't got a right hook like a lion,"
Oosterlaak said. He broke one club beating off an over-inquisitive lion, and used a chair, lion tamer-style, to fend off another. As a parting shot, a lion destroyed many of the 400 pages of notes he had made. Six cubs were born while Oosterlaak was in the cage, one of them on his 28th birthday. Oosterlaak had originally planned to stay 40 days, but opted to stay for 64 in order to set as difficult a target as possible for anyone else trying to emulate his feat, he said. Zoo curator Wayne Seale said that to his knowledge, no one else had attempted to stay for even one day in a cage of lions, let alone 64.

Les Miserables dominates Tony Awards

NEW YORK (AP) - Les Miserables, the lavish musical version of Victor Hugo's epic novel of social injustice, dominated the 1987 Tony Awards Sunday night, taking eight prizes, including best musical of the broadway season. Fences, August Wilson's powerful black family drama, also made a strong showing, winning best play; best actor, James Earl Jones; best director, Lloyd Richards; and featured actress, Mary Alice. An exuberant Jones, who previously won a Tony in 1969 for the Great White Hope, thanked a long list of people including his young son Flynn "for accepting that poppa goes to the play to work." An equally exultant Linda Lavin was named best actress for her role as the lonely and unfulfilled mother in Neil Simon's Broadway Bound. The British musical Me And My Girl had been expected to give Les Miserables stiff competition, but received only three awards. The Cinderella song and dance about a cockney scamp who inherits a title won Tonys for its two stars, Robert Lindsay and Maryann Plunkett, and for Gillian Gregory, who created the

show's choreography.

41 dolphins found dead on Italian coast

LEECE, Italy (AP) - Two more dead dolphins were reported found on beaches bordering the southern Adriatic, raising to 41 the number of mysterious dolphin deaths in the area since January. A magistrate and the director of Calimera Museum of Natural History in the southern region of Apulia have been trying to find out what causes the creatures to apparently beach themselves and then die. One of the dolphins was an adult female weighing about 300 kilogrammes and had been dead for five days before it was discovered, the Italian News Agency ANSA reported. Experts had not yet examined the other mammal's corpse, the agency said.

Naked man fires at police

SOUTH BEND, Indiana (AP) - A naked man ran through the streets, scuffled for a woman's car keys and climbed a tree, then grabbed a police officer's gun and shot at other police, who returned fire and wounded him, authorities said. The man. tentatively identified by police as Thomas Joseph Leen, 22, was in stable condition in the intensive care unit of Memorial Hospital. Officers said they had no immediate explanation for Leen's behaviour and were not sure if drugs or alcohol were involved. Leen allegedly broke into and vandalised a home and removed his clothes there, said police Lt. Richard Kilgore. Leen then reportedly jumped onto the back of a moving van, and climbed on top of a parked car and lowered himself inside through the sunroof, Kilgore said. The owner of the car saw him and ran to the vehicle, and he beat her during a scuffle for the keys, which were inside. When police arrived, Leen jumped out of the car and ran. Police said he climbed a tree and, when an officer tried to get him to come down. jumped on the officer and grabbed his revolver. A second officer arrived, pulled his revolver and told Leen to drop the weapon. At that point, Kilgore said, Leen began firing at the officers, with one bullet going through a window of a nearby house. Leen was shot several times.

Ethel Kennedy visits Kennedy gravesites

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ethel Kennedy laid a rose at the grave of her husband, Robert F. Kennedy, on the 19th anniversary of his assassination. Accompanied only by Ena Bernard, a member of her household staff, Mrs. Kennedy knelt briefly at the grave at Arlington National Cemetery before visiting the grave of Kennedy's brother, former President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, who was assassinated in Dallas in 1963. She left a rose there as well. The visit lasted about 15 minutes. Robert F. Kennedy, 42, was celebrating primary victories in his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination when he was gunned down at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles on June 5, 1968. He died the

Thieves steal 9th century paintings

CATANIA, Sicily (AP) — Thirty paintings dating back to the 9th century were stolen in Italy, authorities said, and a Czech newspaper has reported that a painting by French surrealist Yves Tanguy was stolen from the Prague National Gallery. The thefts in Italy occurred while the paintings were under transport to an art exhibition in Palermo, authorities said. The paintings, with a commercial value of about half a million lire (\$385,000), were flown to Sicily from Milan, then loaded on to a truck Friday at the Catania airport for further transportation to Palermo, 286 kilometres to the west. The truck was about to emer the highway leading to Palermo when it was stopped by a car, authorities said The two men in the car then forced out the driver, Antonia Guzzone, who they gagged and tied up before driving away with the paintings. In Prague, the Zemedelske Noviny acceptance reported that specialists of the criminal police have begun to investigate the theft of the Tanguy painting. Zemedelske Novindid not give the value of the painting but said when the 9 b 24.5 centimetre picture was shown several years ago at at exhibition of European art in Japan, it was insured for \$100,000

Celebrities stage rallies to back British candidates

LONDON (R) - More than 100 British celebrities turned out to show their political colours at rallies for Prime Minister Mar- at the rally which featured juggaret Thatcher and opposition Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock ahead of Thursday's general election.

Those supporting Mrs. Thacher's bid for a third consecutive term in office included author Roald Dahl, lyricist Tim Rice, actor Adam Faith, fashion designer Zandra Rhodes, former West Indies cricketer Clive Lloyd and Olympic swimming medallists Sharon Davies and Duncan Goodhew.

They were among 3,000 supporters Mrs. Thatcher addressed at Wembley arena in north west London after the playing of theme music written for her campaign by "cats" composer Andrew Lloyd Webber.

"We are not materialists nor ist Philistines, Conservative Party Chairman Norman Tebbit told the crowd as he expounded the Tory argument that Britain can raise the standard of its social services only by first improving

the economy.

Actress Glenda Jackson told about 3,500 people in the north London suburb of Islington there were only "four more days of Thatcherism to go" as she welcomed Mr. Kinnock to Labour's rally which had all the style of an American political rally.

Actresses Julie Christie, Jil Gascoine and singer Billy Bragg were among about 60 celebrities glers, clowns, stilt walkers, a black inspirationnal choir and a

Welsh colliery brass band. Other celebrities who have endorsed the Labour Party include playwright Harold Pinter, composer Sir Michael Tippett, Actor Antony Sher and Irish author

Edna O'Brien. The centrist Liberal-Social Democrat Alliance held a more low-key rally on the banks of the River Thames at which Liberal leader David Steel told about 500 supporters that Mrs. Thatcher's government was operating a system of "apartheid of the pocket."

Author Clive James, philosopher A.J. Ayer, and stage director Peter Hall were among those who wrote brief articles in Sunday's Observer newspaper

Meanwhile Prime Minister Thatcher retained a nine percentage point lead over the opposition Labour Party in the latest public opinion poll published

Monday. With only three days of campaigning before the June 11 election, the daily Harris poll on the TV-AM breakfast show gave the Conservative Party 43 per cent, Labour 34 per cent and the Alliance 21 per cent.

Lange attacks Soviet, French and Chinese nuclear tests

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — Prime Minister David Lange on Monday denounced recent nuclear tests by China, France and the Soviet Union and called for a nuclear test ban treaty.

"These explosions demonstrate the commitment of the nuclear weapon states to a long-term nuclear testing programme," Mr. Lange said in a statement.

"Those programmes are said to be required to test stockpile reliability and to develop new weapons," he said. "It is for that reason that New Zealand advocates the urgent negotiation of a comprehensive test ban treaty.

The 2-kilotonne explosion, the equivalent of 2,000 tonnes of TNT, was the 83rd since France abandoned atmospheric testing on Mururoa Atoll in 1975.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GORER AND OMAR SHARIF

N IS FOR NEGATIVE INFERENCE

North-South vulnerable. South NORTH **⊕** A 1082 ♥84 ∴AQ104 ⊕J64 **4973** ♥K10652 *≎983* SOUTE ⊽Q97 ○J2 **♣**AQ108752 The bidding: South West North East

1 • Pass Pass
2 · 3 • 3 • Pass
Pass 5 • Pass Pass Pass Opening lead: King of •

Just as declarer can infer the location of a key card from the bidding and play, he can draw a negative inference from the failure of the defenders to take certain actions. This hand was played by Philadelphian Arthur Robinson, who with Robert Jordan formed one of the great American pairs of the 1960s.

When one spade was passed round to him, Robinson naturally balanced with two clubs. When he later competed with four clubs, his partner judged that his diamond honors were well placed and improved the value of his hand, so he

went on to five clubs. West led the king of spades and, since declarer had no way to prevent losing two hearts even if he could get one discard on dummy's diamonds, it was obvious that the fate of the contract hinged on bringing in the trump suit without loss—the diamond finesse was almost sure to succeed because of

Robinson took the ace of spades and led the jack of clubs. The percentages favor a finesse in the suit but when East played low declarer shot up with the ace to fell the singleton king. As expected, the king of diamonds was onside and 11 tricks were soon reeled in.

What made Robinson apparently go against the odds? He did not peek and needed no magic. Since West did not lead the king of hearts to take a look at dummy before de-ciding how to conduct the defense, Robinson concluded that he did not hold both high honors. Therefore, East could not have the king of clubs! He had passed his partner's one spade opening bid and he was "known" to hold either the ace or king of hearts. The only hope for the contract, therefore, was that West's king was unguarded.

Pope starts 3rd visit to Poland

at Kankesanturai.

Harbour had been impeding the

unloading of food and fuel." The

army has been distributing food to civilians from Kankesanturai.

also said the army is undertaking

a "limited operation" to secure a

road link from the captured east-

ern area known as Vadamarach-

chi to the airport at Palaly, just

On Saturday, military sources

said the army had captured the

village of Achaveli along the

road. Skirmishes were reported

Sunday and Monday around

Achaveli and the neighbouring

Tamils, who are mostly Hin-

dus, make up 18 per cent of Sri

Lanka's 16 million population.

They complain of discrimination

by the majority Sinhalese Buddh-

ists, who control the government

ing a nearly 4-year-old war for an independent homeland in the

north and east of the island,

where most Tamils live. More

than 6,000 people have died in the ethnic conflict.

Militant Tamils have been wag-

east of Kankesanturai.

village of Tellipali.

and the military.

Military sources in Colombo

WARSAW (R) — Pope John Paul began his third visit to his homeland Monday, a seven-day pilgrimage aimed at uplifting his dispirited nation, by pledging a new "outburst of love" to unite

the Polish people.

The Pope, greeted by Communist leader Wojciech know the joy and the suffering

of living in this land." love," he said.

Gen. Jaruzelski, whose author-

campaigning for peace.

He said: "We want to see the successful development of Poland and a strong international position for the country. The way to it leads through national agreement, perseverance in work and the sense of civic and patriotic

He hoped the seven-day pilour nation in its own strength. We wish that it benefits Poland, the cause of peace in Europe and

Under bright blue sky follow ing a night of heavy rain, the Pope was also greeted by the Polish primate Cardinal Josef Glemp and members of the Polish government led by Prime

He was handed a bunch of red and white carnations by a little girl and boy in traditional folk costumes before formal military honours accorded him as head of

for the visit, and the Communist leader Lech Walesa dismissed

Police have made several

provisional results showing Golkar had won 73 per cent of the leftist and pro-Communist forces for the rallies to "destroy the vote in elections for 400 of the constitutional order" and ruin 500 National Assembly seats. chances for South Korea to beappointed by the military. A voter registration forms.

Jaruzelski after stepping down from his plane and kissing Polish soil, greeted his countrymen who

"I wish to open up my heart as wide as possible to embrace all those who live in my homeland with a new outburst of unifying

ities have mounted a massive security operation including measures to prevent demonstrations by the outlawed free trade union Solidarity and other opposition groups, praised the Pope's role in

grimage would "enliven the best feelings and support the faith of the world."

Minister Zbigniew Messner.

the Vatican state.

Tight security has been set up authorities expressed fears that the Solidarity opposition could disrupt some meetings. Solidarity such allegations.

"They won't even hurt us... we are going to win these elections and the next ones," the 45-year-

Sunday night, telling some 40,000 supporters at a Madrid soccer

stadium that the Socialist Work-

ers' Party (PSOE) would emerge

Gonzalez predicts victory in elections "they better get used to the Popular Alliance but because of

MADRID (R) — Spain's Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez. brushing aside gloomy opinion The prime minister plans to polls and opposition challenges, address the closing PSOE rally in has predicted his Socialist Party Seville and take part in the parwill win local and European electy's final television broadcast before Tuesday's "day of reflec-A confident Gonzalez made a late entry to the electoral fray

Opposition leaders said the burst of activity showed that Mr. Gonzalez was worried and Antonio Hernandez Mancha, making unscathed from the onslaught of his national election debut as leader of the main right-wing party Popular Alliance (AP), said

the Socialists were in decline. "The PSOE has changed tactics, not just because of the rise of

the Socialist Party's own decline," Mr. Mancha told a news

The Socialists' overall majority in the national parliament is not at stake on Wednesday, when Spaniards will elect more than 8,000 town councils, 13 regional assemblies and 60 deputies for the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

conference.

But polls suggest they cannot hold on to all the gains they made in 1983 when, fresh from the general election landslide of the previous year, they swept local and regional polls.

Summit leaders have various personal preferences

VENICE, Italy (AP) — The seven Western leaders meeting in Venice for their annual economic summit have various personal preferences which unwittingly pitted them in friendly competition for beds and boats in the canal city. First, the beds:

The Reagan White House, anxious to give the best rest possible to Nancy and the president, had a queen-size-bed from Portugal airlifted to Venice for their luxury suite at Villa Condulmer. Chancellor Kohl had a sleeping

where the chancellor arrived Sunday night, was asked by Mr. Kohl's office for a special bed 2.10 metres long. But Mr. Kohl, who strikes a

Italy and installed it in his suite. Prime Ministers Brian Mulroney of Canada and Yasuhiro Nakasone of Japan did not have any special bed requests, according to the Danieli, where they are

Second, the boats: Score an overwhelming victory for the Un-

ited States. In the lagoon city, where the biggest fleet rules the waves, the American government has 60 motor launches ferrying White House and other officials back and forth among summit sites.

The Italian organisers advised the other participant nations that they would be allowed three motor launches free of charge for their top government figures.

The U.S. delgation, according

to Italian security sources, accepted the three boats but will be using three U.S.-built patrol boats for leading delegates. Plus 60 others.

In second place is the Japanese delegation with a total of 30 boats.

Bringing up the rear come France and Britain with about 10 apiece, and Canada, with four or five - in addition to their free-ofcharge three boats.

Premier Nakasone has sent word ahead that he does not wish

Last, but not least, is Germany. Security officials report the thrifty Germans have rented

Wednesday.

CBS was taking a low-key approach., It decided to anchor the news as usual from New York, with correspondents in

"It's a logistics nightmare," said Paul Greenberg, senior executive producer for NBC news. Jack Kelly, special producer for special events for CBS, cites the fact that the summit is taking place on four of Venice's 117 islands.

"That's the biggest problem," Kelly said. "That takes a lot more

arrests in the run-up to the visit. I old prime minister said, adding

problem too. The Hotel Danieli,

stocky but not towering figure, did not have to pay for an airlift. The Danieli ordered it built in

also staying.

alloted three. While rentals have been negotiated bilaterally with the launch companies, rates usually can run up to \$400 a day, depending on how much fuel is con-

Third, the Battle of the Bulge: The Italian press reported that the White House had brought several cooks of their own to assist the Italian chefs at Villa Condulmer, where the Reagans spent a pre-summit vacation.

The Japanese are taking no chances either. A Japanese cook is already working at the Danieli Hotel, preparing snacks for the large Japanese delegation.

to gain weight by eating too much Italian food. But the Danieli says most of their ingredients are Ita-

Television coverage of the summit has been a logistical nightmare for the U.S. networks, whose job has been made more difficult by having to crisscross

through government red tape, overcome high-tech hitches and

cope with a local strike.

ABC was making the biggest splash of the big three American networks. It anchored its nightly news programme from a hard-won spot on St. Mark's Square Sunday night and planned to continue to do so through

NBC lined up a less-gla-morous setting for its nightly news broadcasts: The garden rooftop of the Bauer Grunwald Hotel in Venice.

Venice feeding live spots.

only one boat besides their canals in power boats, cut time" to travel by water.